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Dr Owen Foreign Secretary at 38: Mrs Hart returns to Cabinet

id Owen, who deputized for Mr Crosland during his becomes Foreign Secretary in the Government le caused by Mr Crosland's death. At 38. Dr Owen nungest man to hold the office since Sir Anthony Eden ord Avon). Mr Healey is to stay as Chancellor and joined in the Cabinet by Mr Joel Barnett, Chief

Secretary to the Treasury, who will have responsibility for all public spending matters. Mrs Judith Hart returns to the Cabinet as Minister of State for Overseas Development. She was the minister in the Wilson Administration. Mr Frank Judd moves from that post to become Minister of State at the Foreign Office.



Mrs Hart: Return to Over-



Mr Healey: Continues as Chancellor.



Mr Barnett : Gets a place in



Mr Barnett in Cabinet with spending responsibility

President of the Board of President of the Board of Trade by Clement Attlee.
Dr Owen has had almost as much time as Mr Crosland to familiarize himself with European affairs at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as number two; and beyond that he brings far more fervent Europeanism to his new duties.
In the event Mr Cellaghan decided to be bold, He has l Owen become the Foreign Secretary late Anthony Eden ord Avon) was in 1938 when the ster announced late the successor to Mr. or Plymouth, Devonven, a medical practided to be bold. He has ecame Minister of chosen an extremely young man he Foreign Office, ial responsibility for for one of the key posts in the Cabinet, and he will rank in fifth place in the Cabinet list, affairs, in October, an ardent European

preceded only by the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council (Mr Foot), the Lord Chancellor (Lord Elwyn-Jones), pointment is a sign laghan's recognition portance of Euroand the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Healey), ring the residue of mins during which Kingdom will com-He takes precedence over Mr presidency of the finisters of the EEC. Rees, the Home Secretary, who is now sixth in Cabinet rankdoes not mean that in regards Dr Owen, as a temporary It is an appointment nt as any other in irrespective of the Dr Owen thereby to youngest Cabinet

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Clearly Mr Healey now has to wait a long time before he escapes from the dilemmas of the Treasury and finds his natural home at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. But Mr Callaghan had little or no the top rank of a remment since Sir choice. Mr Healey is in the middle of preparing a crucial Budget for March 29 and nego-

The details, with ages and salaries, are as follows: Foreign Secretary Dr David Owen (38)

Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Minister of State for Overseas Development

tiating a new bargain with the out to show his strength by appointing an

TUC for a third year of pay Mr Callaghan has, therefore, been obliged to leave Mr Healey where he is. But he has

made a change in the Treasury team and thereby increased the Cabinet from 23 members to 24. Mr Joel Barnett, the Chief Secretary, Treasury, who is re-sponsible for public expendi-ture, has been promoted to Cabinet rank, and thereby Mr Healey has essentially been left with the cardinal tasks of the Budget and pay policy.
Mr Callaghan, who before he became Prime Minister was

often exceedingly cautious in consulting party and outside opinion, has undoubtedly set

of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) could be

resolved, he told reporters. But he added that both sides were

"desperate" to reach a peace agreement. "I must be very

careful not to be over-optimistic.
On the other hand, there are
areas of possible bases for

encouragement "

of torture '

Derby County

support of a pay demand

Italy: Escaped convict sur

renders to police after holding family of five at gunpoint for

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defence budget will be cut by \$2,700m next year 6

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want Clough

lished and popular in EEC circles, and will not be unknown or unvalued when he takes the chair at the EEC Council of Ministers up to the end of June. Mr Callaghan's remaining ap-£13,000 Mr Joel Barnett (53) pointments are fairly orthodox.

Mr Frank Judd, who becomes
Minister of State and number
two at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has an almost
family commitment to foreign £13,000 Mr Frank Judd (41) £9,500 Mrs Judith Hart (52) £9,500

affairs. He has been a member of the Labour delegation to the principal European organiza-tions, and has a well deserved reputation for Commonwealth young man to what the Western world will regard as a key post. The choice of Dr Owen is deliberately intended to bring

concern.

Mrs Hart, who returns to Overseas Development as Minister of State, succeeding Mr Judd, has presumably been recalled by Mr Callaghan because of her sway inside the national executive committee of the Labour Party and in Labour politics generally. younger blood into Labour's top counsels at a time when the loss of Mr Roy Jenkins and Mr

> changes within the Cabinet Mr Callaghan must partly have had in mind sparing the Queen, who is visiting islands in the Pacific.
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> The announcement of the changes made last night were reported to the Queen for

Mr Judd: Foreign Office

Crosland is beginning to be felt. Dr Owen has been an MP since 1966. As a general practitioner he became Minister of State at the Department of increasing pressure to prevent President Amin of Uganda from attending the Commonwealth politics generally. In contriving the minimum of Health and Social Security, under Sir Harold Wilson, in Conference in June. From both sides of the Commons, MPs are 1974, and has been at demanding a statement on the Government's reported attitude that it is powerless to act. Foreign Office, largely on the

strength of his Europeanist com-Yesterday there were signs that an international boycott of Uganda may be in prospect. Mr Judd. Minister for Overseus Development, told the Commons that there was "no mitment, for the past few

This would make more than 30,000 workers idle, add huge production losses to those which have already been running at more than £12m a day over the past two weeks and further embarrass the Government over how the future strength of Ley-

zation programme carried out.
Equally worrying for the
Government is the fact that
the present trouble in Leyland
represents what could well be
the first of many militant
demonstrations in various industrial sectors for a much more flexible wages strategy, allowing for substantial free collective

separate negotiating rights, out-side the company's existing plant bargaining machinery, and new skilled rates right

Great Yarmouth: A two-page Special Report on the town's changing economy 14, 15

Yesterday Leyland began recalling about 5,000 of the workers laid off last week because of other disputes, leaving about 15,000 idle. Some car body and assembly operations were resumed, including Maxi and Princess output at Cowley, Oxford.

Management spokesmen made it clear, however, that the recalls amounted simply to an

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com workers on strike in key
centres—the Castle Bromwich
body plant, the carburetters and
transmissions factories, the

Leyland has promised "intensive action" to try to resolve the dispute. But the company

decided yesterday to return to work. The dispute was over the dismissal of a man who was alleged to have struck a forecombine, which, although technically unofficial, has a big in-men laid off.

President Amin of 'campaign of lies'

President Amin of Uganda reacted angrily today to the storm of criticism that has followed the death of Dr Janani Luwum, the Anglican Archbishop of Uganda and two Cabinet ministers.

In a telegram to the Organizarion of African Unity he accused Canon Burgess Carr, general secretary of the All-Africa Conference of Churches, of mounting a campaign of lies and "Zionist propaganda" against his country.

Canon Carr, who last week said the Archbishop's death was "murder by the Ugandan security forces", was described by President Amin today as a microphone for Zionism" and in the same category as Vorster and Smith ".

A Reuter message from Nairobi, quoting Uganda Radio, said President Amin included the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, in his retort. Both the Primate of the Anglican Church and Canon Carr "were involved in the sinister plan to cause chaos in Uganda", the Ugandan leader said, "That is way they were disappointed when their plan failed and are at present at the centre of the anti-Uganda propaganda."]

Uganda was calm, the tele-gram to the OAU said. Any country was welcome to send a delegation to see for themselves the simation there. Delegates attending this week's meeting of the ministerial council of the African, Caribbean and Pacific

The Government is under

question" of any EEC ministers attending the Lomé Convention which opens in Kampala

From the Conservative from beach, Mr Peter Tapsell (Horn-castle) urged a review of Com-munity aid to Uganda under the

Lomé Convention. Mr Judd

replied that Community aid was a matter for the EEC countries as a whole, but this would be kept under close review with

Behind the protests is the deep concern of MPs that if President Amin should arrive in Britain in advance of the

protocol might require him to

be invited by Buckingham Palace to the silver jubilee thanksgiving service in Sr Pauls

Conference,

Britain's partners.

Commonwealth

By Hugh Noyes

MPs seek ban on visit

by Ugandan leader

had arisen when a group of desperate men entered the country recently with arms to carry out widespread killings.

Church sources here said reports that two Anglican bishops in Uganda had been bishops in Ogania had been killed were not true. Newspaper reports had suggested that the Right Rev Benoni Ogwal, Bishop of northern Uganda. and the Right Rev Yona Okot, Bishop of Bukedi, eastern Uganda, were dead. There was no ground for such reports, the sources said.

Coggan call: President Amin should not be allowed to attend the Queen's jubilee celebra tions in June, Dr Coggan said yesterday. "My personal feel-ings are that he should not be allowed in.".

Bishop's report: The Bishop of Ipswich, The Right Ref Leslie Brown, returning from the Nairobi memorial service for Dr Luwum, said he knew for certain he had been murdered. "The archbishop had a builet hole on each side of his chest and he was also shot in the mouth." He added: This information was passed on to me second hand by some one who actually saw the

Tanzanian version: The official Daily News said in Dar es Salaam that President Amin shooting him twice in the chest with a pistol after he had been tortured and interrogated. His body was dumped in Lake Victoria along with the corpses of the two Cabinet Ministers

Cathedral on June 7, the day before the conference opens.

by the Queen and the Duke of the mysterious death and rapid burial of the Anglican Archbishop of Uganda, Dr Janani Luwum, many MPs consider that the presence of the Ugandan leader in the cathedral

would be a grave affront and would create a national outery.

The Government's embarrass

ment was clear last week when Mr Greville Janner (Labour, Leicester, West) asked Mr Foot, Leader of the House, if he could give a positive assurance that President Amin would not be allowed into the

appeared on the order paper.
One, in the names of a number of Tory MPs, declared that the House would not welcome the

appearance of President Amin at the Commonwealth Confer-

ence. Another, under the head-ing of "Ugandan Atrocities",

Yesterday,

The service will be attended the Queen and the Duke of

Churchmen accused by Maths for millions in new basic tests

By Philip Howard

Five people have the following weekly wages: £50; £29.45; £25; £42.35; £35.50. What is the average wage? Express the smallest wage as a fraction of the largest.

That is not a nice calculation about differentials for phase three of the income policy, but a specimen question that the Institute of Mathematics thinks that most people in this country ought to be able to answer without difficulty by the time they are 15. they are 15.

Influential voices, including that of the Prime Minister at Oxford, have lately been sug-gesting that schoolchildren's grasp of basic skills has been deteriorating and needs to be reinforced.. Few Britons have ever

Few Britons have ever spoken marhematics like a native. But there is a suspicion abroad that too many recent school-leavers cannot count to 28 each month without getting into trouble. Accordingly the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications is urging the establishment of a national test of basic mathematical skills of schoolchildren.

There has been discussion of whether there should be a national test of the school of

variety of tests for differe ages and ability ranges. In the institute's view a single test of basic skills should be taken by all pupils at the end of their penultimate year of compul-sory schooling, although it does not rule out the possibi-lity of assessment at earlier

A committee of teachers under the chairmanship of Mr B. T. Bellis, Headmaster of The Leys School, Cambridge, has devised a selection of specimen questions. They are intended as an indication of the mathematical skills that most of the population should have mastered before leaving school, and not as a sample test paper. The institute is making no proand not as a sample test paper. The institute is making no proposal yer about the style of the examination, for example, whether or not it should be a "multi-choice" paper designed to be marked by computer.

The 20 sample questions involve addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, and averages, and simple problems to exercise these different branches of arithmetic. The Institute of

of arithmetic. The Institute of Mathematics expects most pupils to get most of them right, many of them taking three quarters of an hour, and bright, numerate children about a quarter of an hour to

answer the questions.

Readers of The Times of a competitive or masochistic bent are today given the opportunity to test themselves against what the Institute of Mathematics considers ought to be an acceptable national standard of basic skills in school mathematics. Do not write upon both sides of the paper at once. Do not dip your pencil in the marmalade. not spoil the crossword. have 15 minutes starting from now. Turn to page 4.

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Paris flood alert

ing of "Ugandan Atrocities", in the name of Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Conservative, Camden, Hampstead) urged that President Amin should be declared an undesirable inmigrant and not admitted to the United Kingdom. It called on the Organization of African Unity to expel Uganda immediately.

Parliamentary report, page 8 Paris, Feb 21.—All traffic on the Seine was balted_today as it rose almost to overflow level. In north-western France, rainswollen rivers have left two dead and another two missing.—

PLO issue blocks path to Middle East talks

No progress has been made on the key issue of Palestinian representation at a Middle East alists and a former in Brixton prison neace conference. Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, acknowledged this yesterday at the end of his sixfter being refused ges under the Offi-Act. During the nation tour of the region. Both Israelis and Arabs were willing tation a Special icer said further to return to Geneva if the status tht be made and

Industrial output Argentina 'reign on higher trend

ormation to Crispin Provisional Government figures show that the economy strengthened in the fourth quarter of last year, although the overall rise in national out-put between 1975 and 1976 was d 31, and Duncan ged 24, both journaaddress in Muswell ondon, last Friday. esterday's hearing, only 1 per cent. Industrial production rose in the fourth quarter by more than 5} per ions were lifted, upt Harold Nicholls, cent compared with an annual rate of expansion of 4 per cent for the whole economy Page 19 police investigation, ormation was of "a Heath blame for men were charged ion two of the rets Act, 1911.

his successors

Mr Edward Heath has criticized Sir Harold Wilson and Mi Callaghan for dropping the six-monthly reviews of general strategy formerly carried out by the Central Policy Review Staff. He also says that the Treasury should be dismantled

Fittleton officer court martialled

The commanding officer of the minesweeper Fittleton, which capsized and sank with the loss of 12 lives in the North Sep last September, faced a court martial at Portsmouth. Lieuten-ant Commander Peter Paget denied four charges

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Work at Leyland may stop in two days

By R. W. Shakespears As British Leyland plants reopened yesterday after the weekend it became clear that the company has little hope of avoiding a progressive shut-down of all of its car assembly and ancillary operations because of the toolroom workers' dis-

land is to be guaranteed and its development and reorgani-

Details of torture allegedly used by Argentiue police have been given in Geneva by the Argentine Commission for Human Rights. It claims that in 11 months of military rule, 2,300 people have been killed and another 20,000 have "disappeared" Page 6 bargaining and restoration of the "rate for the job" prin-ciple in terms of skilled differ-

Derby County want Brian Clough to return to them as manager, and negotiations have entials.

About half of Leyland's tool room workers—3,000 men in 11 different plants—yesterday seemed to be supporting the unofficial strike called by a breakaway group of shop stewards. The group is demanding separate presentiating sights out entials. begun. Mr Clough, now manager of Nottingham Forest, left Derby four years ago after a disagreement with the Club's Bread strike: The Bakers' Union is calling 17,000 workers out on strike from Sunday in

across the tool room operations, which involve 6,000 workers in about 20 centres.
The shop stewards concerned are not associated or suppirted by the Leyland shop stewards

effort to snatch whatever production was possible—wherever it was possible—before the tool room dispute started to take its They make no attempt to dis

Longbridge complex in Birmingham, Jaguar and Coventry engines plants, the Cowley body works, the Triumph plant in Liverpool and a number of component factories—there is little prospect of keeping any opera-tions going beyond the next day

the dispute. But the company will not negotiate with the unofficial stop stewards group.

Mr Hubh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, to which the strikers belong, has demanded an end to the strike.

Meanwhile, more than 350 nightshift workers in the Ford body plant at Dagenham who have ben on strike for a week decided vesterday to return to

Peace workers welcome New Zealand offer

Mrs Betty Williams, a founder of the Northern Ireland peace movement, said in Belfast yesterday that they were delighted with a decision by Mr Robert Muldoon, the New Zealand Prime Minister, to admit former Ulster detainees to New Zealand as immigrants. "This will give people a

chance to start a new life away from the violence", she said. Of course, we shall not be sending known criminals or wanted people, but people who genuinely wish to make a new start and have paid their debt to society." The decision was a result of

the visit to New Zealand of Miss Mairead Corrigan, one of the movement's leaders Mrs Thatcher in Belfast, page 2

TUC backs Post Office union's court action over ban on South African mail By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

TUC leaders decided yester-day to back the Union of Post Office Workers in an appeal to the House of Lords over what the unions see as a curtailment of the right to strike, The case arises from the decision of the Court of

decision of the Court of Appeal to grant an interim injunction to an individual, Mr John Gouriet, of the National Association for Freedom, prohibiting postal workers from halting mail and telecommunication links with South Africa.

The decision of the TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee (often languages) is Committee (often known as its "inner cabinet") yesterday was to back the union in principle, but it is almost certain that TUC funds willb e forthcoming to finance a legal action that the unions regard

as a fundamental defence of

their right to strike.

likely to be joined by the Post Office Engineering Union in their appeal to the Lords over the issue of industrial action, because Mr Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, is expected to confine his arguments to the constitutional controversy of whether his decision in such cases of individual application on matters of great political on matters of great political sensitivity is final.

From the unions' point of view a critical point of industrial relations has been raised: whether the right to strike has been curtailed by Mr Gouriet's private approach to the Court private approach to the Court of Appeal under the Post Office Act 1953 which forbids tampering with the mails. Until the National Associa-

tion for Freedom won its interim injunction preventing workers from cutting postal communications with South Africa as part of an inter-The Post Office workers are national trade union boycott

Post Office Workers and the Post Office Engineering Union believed they enjoyed the same freedom to take industrial action as other unions in the public sector. Postal workers staged the longest postwar stoppage in the nationalized industries in 1971, when they stayed out for nine weeks in an unsuccessful attempt to break the Heath government's "informal" income policy.

The TUC has taken counsel's opinion on the Court of Appeal's recent ruling, and the unions are convinced that it raises issues as fundamental as the Rookes v Barnard case and other precedent-making judg-ments that restricted their freedom. A senior union leader said it had invented some "totally novel" concepts of law that left the unions gasp-

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Government criticized | Schools 'being forced back to chalk and talk' over arrests under secrets Act

By Stewart Tendler

cized the arrests of two jour- The proposals would narrow the nalists and a former soldier field of information covered under the Official Secrets Act. under a new Act.
It accused the Prime Minister Asked in the Commons in and the Home Secretary of actions that "will disgrace this Government at home and

Miss Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the council, said Mr Rees told the Commons last November that "mere posses-sion or receipt" of official information should not constitute a crime and he hoped the Attorney General would take into account government plans to change the Act when con-

sidering proceedings. Miss Hewitt said: The Prime Minister, who is respon-sible for national security, cust carry the blace for an action that, along with Mr Rees's deportation of Agee and Hosenball, will disgrace this

Although the Labour Party's manifesto promised more open government Mr Callachan and Mr Rees have made it clear: that the Labour Covernment will harrass and intimidate any journalist who attempts to investigate matters which the Government wants hidden."
Last November Mr Rees told the Commons of plans to change section two of the

By Stewart Tendler
Home Affairs Reporter
The National Council for Civil Libertles yesterday criticized the surgest of the surg

November about the receipt of information, with which two journalists are charged, Mr Rees said: "The Government accepts that the mere receipt of official information should no longer be an offence".

Mr Rees also said: "Although the operation of the Act is a matter for the Attorney General it will no doubt be open to the Attorney General to take litto account the Government's inten-tion to introduce legislation on the lines I have indicated in considering whether to bring proceedings under section

The arrests have come in the middle of controversy over the planned deportation of Mr Philip Agee and Mr Mark Hosenball. Mr Aubrey is a staff writer for Time Out magazine Government at home and and a member of the defence committee supporting the two

men. Mr Campbell is a freelance journalist specializing in scientific matters. He gave evidence on behalf of Mr Hosenball, whoused to work for Time Out, before a Home Office advisory committee last month considering the deporta-

Attorney General has yet to authorize prosecution

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and his wife were thorough, and was told they should have been. The three men were arrested last Friday and Mr Berry was interviewed on Saturday evening for 45 minutes. Mr Aubrey was questioned on Sunday afternoon for 25 minutes and Mr Campbell was questioned for 10 minutes on Sunday after-

Mr Nash said: "Mr Berry served in Cyprus and has not been in the Army for the past seven years and whatever he knew was that old." The police officer said it was still classi-

In his submission to the bench Mr Simons said it was official Labour Party policy to change the Act. Section two of the Act could be used very regularly but rarely was. He said: "Whenever a government service gives information to the press it is an offence. Every time a journalist goes to a briefing from a minister he is receiving classified informa-tion."

Mr Simons told the bench Court j that the last case under section morrow two of the Act had occurred a on bail. morrow to free the three men

year to 18 months ago. Mr Simons said: "A young journa-list was arrested with Ministry of Defence documents. He spent some time in custody and subsequently the Attorney General refused to give his fiat for prosecution."

Mr Nash told the bench that Mr Berry had left the Army with the rank of lance-corporal He said the charges seemed very dramatic but for all anyone knew the price of brussels sprouts might be on the list of classified information.

The magistrates retired for

more than 20 minutes and came back to announce that they would not give bail. There were hisses from the back of the packed court room. Mr Samuel Kershen, chair-man of the bench, told Mr Nicholls that the three would be remauded for a week, when

we shall expect to have full chapter and verse as to whether any further charges will be made. Otherwise the bench will take a different view. Plans are being made for an appearance before a High Court judge in chambers to-

Cuts mean illiteracy, teachers say 'gave police the slip'

Was it because primary schools were not doing their job properly?

Leeds primary school, said that

equipped and more generously staffed and so were able to do

In written evidence to the

committee, which is looking at the attainments of school-

leavers, the union said that

pupils with low ability became

more self-confident and moti-

vated when they had the chance

to take part in activities not just connected with learning.

Those out-of-school activities

better things.

Mr Clifford Morris, head of a

schools were better

By Stephen Cohen, of The Times Educational Supplement More children would leave school unable to read and write. because of local authority cuts

in educational spending, the National Union of Teachers said in its evidence yesterday to a subcommittee of the House Commons expenditure Dr Walter Roy, a member of the union's executive, told Miss

Janet Fookes, chairman of the subcommittee and Conservative MP for Plymouth, Drake:
"There will be more illiterates because we have not the resources to devote to special remedial departments".

He said he had been informed that he would lose two teachers next year. One, a remedial teacher, would not be

replaced, and that would affect the help given to backward were expensive and unless local authorities provided for them, the less able pupils would Miss Fookes asked why there never experience them. was a need for remedial teachers in secondary schools.

"The attainments of this cate gory of school-leaver, therefore, lepend overwhelmingly on positive discrimination in their favour in the use of resources the statement said. ..

"The union believes that the current trends in local authority financing at almost every level of demand such as this are acting against any improvement of the attainment of school-leavers in terms of their physical; emo-tional and social development.

"Schools are being forced wack to a position of ' chalk and talk'. It is a denial of society's responsibility for these chil-

Mathematical questions, page

More comprehensive schools replacing streaming with mixed-ability classes

Times Educational

Supplement The practice of streaming in comprehensive schools has been greatly reduced in recent years, according to a survey published

In 1972 it was found that just over a third of comprehen-sives had at least one year of unstreamed teaching. A sample of 86 comprehensive schools at Barusley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield shows that more than half the schools now have mixed-ability teaching. Half of those with mixed-

ability teaching have continued that practice for at least two years and one in 10 have kept it up for five years to 16-plus. The results of the survey of helping poor learners.

By Christopher Thomas

be greatly reduced.

Labour Staff

strike on Sunday

The Bakers' Union drew up

plans yesterday for a national strike from Sunday in support

of pay increases of up to £5.69
a week for 6,000 women
workers. Most areas will get
some bread but supplies will

The union's opening action

will be to call out 17,000 mem-

bers in the RHM group, which makes Hovis and Mother's Pride, and Spillers-French

bakeries which makes Home-

A week later those employees will return to work and the union will then call out 17,000

Bakers to start national

in the letest issue of Comprehensive Education, the journal of the Campaign for Comprehensive Education. The work was carried out by Dr Michael Lydiat, of Sheffield University, who said that generally school was no predictor of willingness to use mixed-ability teaching. "Some large schools take it seriously: several small schools seriously; several small schools do not see the need for it."

The survey shows that in earlier years at comprehensive schools it is common practice for mathematics and language to be set while other academic subjects are run in mixedability teaching groups. Dr Lydiat also found that the use of withdrawal classes instead of separate remedial streams was growing in popularity as a way

The dispute coincides with

grading system and centres on

morning goods such as bread rolls. The union says the new

grading scheme will mean that four fifths of them, including men and women, will be paid a higher rate than the remaining fifth, who are all women. It is

demanding rises to end the

The employers have offered to refer the dispute to the Advisory, Conciliation and

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, but the

offer has been rejected by the union. Mr Samuel Maddox, the union's general secretary,

said last night after an emer-

anomaly.

introduction of a new

ability teaching might appear as the next educational diffi-culty. Even Sheffield, which went comprehensive" in 1969, has not altogether adjusted to the comprehensive school, and several heads reported staff discontent with mixed-ability teaching in a former gramma school setting.

"Sheffield's data also suggest more mixed-ability teaching in smaller schools and difficulties in larger ones. But, in ceneral, school size does not seem to be a critical factor influencing mixed-ability teaching. Staff attitude is a vital factor here and can make or break a mixedability scheme in any size

Belfast Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the

Opposition, went shopping and walking in Belfast vesterday during a busy seven-hour visit

to Northern Ireland which also took in Londonderry. She called

at army during her trip, which

had not been announced.

Balcombe Street man

Street siege the police saw Martin Joseph O'Connell, the bomber, talking to an IRA suspect in a north London public house, but did not realize who he was, a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday.

Detectives tried to follow Mr O'Connel when he left the public house, the Lord High Admiral, in Paddington, but he gave them the slip, Mr John Mathew, for the prosecution,

the company of the common of the common way.

A month later Mr O'Conneil and three other terrorists were involved in what became known as the Balcombe Street siege Mr O'Connell was seen in the public house when detectives were keeping surveillance on another IRA suspect, James Murphy, Mr Marhew said. The police manager to make up a Photofit picture of Mr O'Con-nell, which was a very good likeness. Mr Mathew was opening the

case against Mr Murphy, aged 56, of Barnsdale Road, Maida Vale, and Anthony Cunning-ham, aged 32, of Kempe Road, Kilburn, both London, who are alleged to have been "errand boys" for the Balcombe Street bombers.

Mr Murphy and Mr Cunningham have denied plotting be-tween December, 1974, and April, 1976, to cause explosions and discharge firearms. Mr Cunningham has also denied withholding information that could have been of material assistance in preventing acts of terrorism and in leading to the

8.5% rate cut move

If Preston council, Lancashire, accepts an 8.5 per cent reduction recommended vesterday by the policy and resources committee, ratepayers will be asked for 28.55p in the pound instead of 31.20p.

counsel said that after the police had raided a house in Fairholme Road, Kensington, Mr Murphy was questioned about a letter found there referring to "Spotter" Murphy and an Army List. Mr Murphy

denied all knowledge of it. After the Balcombe Street siege Mr O'Connell's flat in Milton Grove, Stoke Newington, was raided. It was another IRA bomb factory. The police found a holdall containing an Army List, the Civil Service Year Book for 1974, with Mr Murphy's fingerprints, and the Anarchists' Cook Book with Mr.

Conningham's fingerprints.

Mr Murphy, a messenger with
a government department, was arrested and admitted giving the Civil Service Year Book to a man he would not name. Mr Mathew said another bomb factory was found at Wrottesley Road, Willesden, in April, 1976. Among items found

there was a copy of The Times giving details of all the elected parliamentary candidates. Mr Cunningham's fingerprint was found on it. Mr Cunningham gave three

different versions as to how his fingerprints came to be on items found at two different bomb factories. He said one terrorist told him: "If you open your mouth about this you will get a brain surgery. If I am listed you are a dead man; if not, it will be your family in Belfast."

The trial continues today.

Reservoirs overflow All reservoirs in the South West Water Authority area are full and many are overflowing. Nearly seven inches of rain fell on Dartmoor during the

first 10 days of this month. The February average is 51 inches. Mrs Thatcher goes walking in Belfast

department or he co-into 10 Downing Stre-Prime Minister's perso-tary. He believed that re-tary of the Cabinet was to take on the role

Use Radacsisc, a former den-cer from Austria, had cocaine packed in plastic bags and stitched to the inside of her

tards, it was added. sington, and Brymor Davies, aged 30 of Muswell Hill, Lon-

New version of Silver Shadow

Rolls-Royce today announces a new version of its principal model, the Silver Shadow, with changes to improve handling and fuel consumption. The price

Camp-site strike made official

terday by the regional commit-tee of the Union of Construc-tion, Allied Trades and Tech-nicians, in Manchester.

A jury at the Central Smiley, aged 42, a structural prosecution, said the radio sets, Criminal Court was told yester engineer, and James Davidson, taken from a proposed ship-day that John Banks, a former aged 32, a bloodstock agent, ment to Africa, were for the recruiter of mercenaries, both of Praed Street, Padding IRA. The weapons were also

Welsh warning of

Unemployment in Wales may reach 100,000, Plaid Cymru said in a policy document yesterday. The party maintained that the decision to end the regional employment premium and review the temporary employment subsidy without an alternative economic plan would send unemployment above 10 per cent in Wales.

members at Allied Bakeries gency committee meeting of and at the big independent bakeries, including the Co.op. Allied produce Sunblest and Betabake.

and Ronald Fanz

Party's policy. It has the sup-port of five Welsh Labour MPs.

Under the title of Vote No, the campaign will run counter to the joint Labour Party and Wales TUC pro-devolution campaign. The MPs supporting the campaign are Mr Leo Abse (Pontypool), Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty), Mr Alfred Evans (Caerphilly), Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare) and Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea East). All are long standing opponents of devolution.

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Mr Emrys Jones, secretary of the Welsh Labour Party, said yesterday that he was disappointed that the campaign had been started. "This is bad for the party, for its future and its credibility", he said.

"We have been working for devolution for more than eleven years and decisions on it have been taken by the full party at our annual conferences. This anti-devolution campaign opts out of decisions

campaign opts out of decisions taken by the full party."

campaign to prevent the set-ting up of this unwanted assembly".

Scotland will be denied use of the National Land Fund to buy historic buildings if the devolution Bill is not amended, according to a working party of the National Trust for Scorland, which is investigating the Bill's implications.

At present payments can be made from the fund towards buying historic buildings, their contents and adjoining lands as well as towards their said yesterday. The committee said yesterday. The committee said yesterday that management and custody while in the hands of the secretary of State for Scotland. In that

became a police informer when he suspected that an arms deal he had been asked to negotiate was on behalf of the IRA.

Mr Banks is a Crown witness

in the trial of four men who

deny charges connected with

Before the court are John Joseph Higgins, aged 34, an electrician, of Rothesay-Road. Luton, Bedfordshire, and Edward Caughey, aged 45, unemployed, of Leabon Grove. Leahurst Crescent, Harborne, Birmingham; and Gerald

IRA terrorism. -- --

ing, director of the National Trust for Scotland, said yesterday that in future payments for that purpose would be made from the Scottish Con-solidated Fund. Pressures on the fund would be very heavy and the chance of securing any

1953. That meant that England alone would have access to the National Land Fund.

£750,000 which was unlikely to come from the Scottish Con-solidated Fund. Suspension urged: Mr Francis Pym, Opposition spokesman on devolution, said in Edinburgh yesterday that the most devas-tating speeches against the devolution Bill had been made by Labour MPs (our Edin-

Electoral reformers seek to convert the public

By David Leigh Political Staff

Supporters of proportional representation at Westminster, who believe they have more than a hundred MPs of all parties behind them, yesterday launched a campaign to convert the public.

The National Committee for Electoral Reform, of which Lord Harlech is chairman, is to hold public meetings in seven cities to raise funds. Their initial finance includes donations from several indus-

ton, London. Mr Higgins and Mr Caughey

face charges involving money paid in connexion with acts of terrorism and trying to obtain two-way radio sets for the same

Mr Higgins, Mr Smiley and Mr Davidson are elso charged with soliciting John Banks, Michael McKee and Stanley Taylor to give 1,000 carbines, 2000 managing 50.000 rounds

3,000 magazines, 60,000 rounds of ammunition, 1,000 bayonets

and cleaning lits for use in

are a a rough for the deal,

Newham, North-East, speaking with Mr Dick Taverne, QC, the former Labour MP, at the annual meeting of Mr Taverne's Democratic Labour group in Lincoln, said electoral reform would provide the cata-lyst for deeper changes in the political system.

The two big parties became steadily less representative of the people. "Their hold on said yesterday. The communication says opinion polls show that the people. "Inerr note two thirds of the British public power depends on a voting system which deliberately underterm which deliberately underterm control opinion."

quite clearly for use by the IRA

Mr Higgins, he said, was chairman of the Luton branch of Sinn Fein; Mr Caughey was chairman of the Birmingham

carbines. Mr Smiley also asked

wanted 25,000 for a Cyprus

and its supporters.

regional executive.

set of nine crystal glasses. Two women to whom Mrs Thatcher spoke in the street afterwards asked if she was not

It was essentially a "neet the public" tour and the only political content was in her message when she arrived at Aldergrove airport: "Northern Ireland is in the front line of the land of freedom in the land of the battle for freedom in the United Kingdom and we want the people here to know that the Conservative Party stands with them in their struggle against terrorism." For her second visit to the province she was again accompanied by Mr Airey Neave.

The official Unionist Party said no talks had been arranged with Mrs Thatcher as the party had not been told of her visit

In Belfast Mrs Thatcher paid short visit to the Royal Artillery post in Royal Avenue, where officers gave her a brief-ing on the security situation. Surrounded by security men she walked through the main shopping area of the city. At

in advance.

afraid to come to Belfast. deed, I am not", she replied. Mrs Thatcher was to have visited the province some

The report also recommends better standards for canteens, washing an dirausport facilities for

"Innocent punished": The IRA is punishing innocent people in a "panic" drive to stop the

flow of information to security security chiefs yesterday (the Press Association reports). He was told that 22 people had been shot in the knee this year. Snub denied: Only 23 Belfast councillors, less than helf the corporation, turned up in Dublin yesterday for the first stage of a good-will pact between the two Irish cities.

It was alleged that hard-line "loyalists" from Belfast had ignored the invitation on political grounds, particularly ments had helped th
because of the Republic of Ireland's decision to press torture worked well provide
tharges against Britain in the secretaries of state European Court of Human good at administrating Rights: But the visitors said the appearing on television absentees were unable to get-

the burden on the full. The six-monthly rethe Central Policy Rev had been invaluable in ing a sense of broad— They were dropped Harold Wilson and

Former dancer had drug in her leotards

stitched to the inside of her leotards when she travelled to Britain, Mr Ian Davies, for the prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. There was more of the drug hidden inside balls of wool in a work backet the carried

a work basket she carried. Norman Baines, aged 26, a pop group manager, also had cocaine concealed in his leo-Miss Radascisc, aged 33, Mr Baines, of Trevanion Road, Ken-

don, admitted si cocaine into England. admitted smuggling Judge Gillis, QC, jailed Miss Radascisc for two years and recommended her deportation. Mr Baines was jailed for four years and Mr Davies for five

of the car goes up by more than £3,000 to £22,809.

New carburettors and other engine modifications have pro-duced an improvement of a tenth in fuel economy at cruising speeds, and rack-and-pinion steering has been fitted for the

A strike by two hundred building workers at Pontin's Tower Beach holiday camp at Clwyd, was made official yes-

The strike began when the men alleged that a Pontin subsidiary wished to replace some of them with cheaper labour.

big job losses

Anti-devolution MPs defy party By Trevor Fishlock

A campaign to oppose devo-lution was started yesterday by a group of Labour Party members in South Wales, in defiance of the Welsh Labour

Under the title of Vote No.

But the campaign was wel-comed by the Welsh Conservative Party. A statement said the five MPs would "play an important part in an overill

Scotland had been acquired relatively easily.

Mr James Stormonth Darl-

large grant would be slim.
In the devolution Bill the Government reserves section eight of the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act,

The present arrangements constituted "the most valuable method through which buildings of outstanding national importance and their contents and lands can be saved", Mr Stormonth Darling added.

Two crucial cases reaching convention.
the final stages of negotiations involved a grant of about Leading article, page 17

burgh correspondent writes). He added: "Whatever happens in the guillotine vote there is no conviction in the House that the Bill is right and there is in my view no genuine majority for it."

He said the committee stages of the Bill had exposed its flaws and weaknesses and he thought its mild beautiful. thought it would be wiser for Parliament to take more time

to get the right solution rather than rushing through with the present Bill. He wanted the Bill suspended pending an all-party

government and that Parlia-ment, with its institutionalized conflict, is falling into disre-The campaign is working with three different party organizations supporting electoral reform, for Labour, Liberal and Conservative sup-

porters. Mr Prentice, Labour MP for

bail is granted

on Mrs Fischer's promising to stay away from Whitehall. Mrs Fischer, the mother of Bobby Fischer, formerly world chess champion, said: "I plan to stay here and continue the process."

Climber killed

of State for Scotland. In that are behind them. They believe tem which deliberately underway valuable properties in that seesaw politics are bad for represents central opinion." way down to a but at 2,000ft.

Mr Banks decided on his way home to Camberley that he would tell the police. From that time all action taken by Mr Banks and Mr McKee was under the direction of the police and the Army. Mr Leary said Mr Banks was told by telephone that two people from "across the water" were visiting England regional executive.

Counsel said Mr Smiley met arms. At the last meeting, in Mr Banks in London and the last meeting, in Hanover Square, Mr Higgins latter said that he and those with him had £35,000 for 1,000 possible set-up by the British to

Mr Banks whether he could and the discussions ended supply 1616 carbines because he abruptly as the Special Branch moved in.
The trial continues today.

snatch the weapons on delivery

Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland months ago but the trip was cancelled on the advice of se-She attended an informal buffet at Stormont at which curity men when a briefcase containing her itinerary was NCCL against removal of | Princess Anne visits new

protective laws for women Despite the Equal Pay and Sex provisions for children, Discrimination Acts women are still paid less and enjoy less union protection than men, the National Council for Civil Liberties says in evidence to the Equal Opportunities Commission, published yesterday.

lianed yesterday.

It says that protective laws such as the factory Acts, which limit the hours of overtime and shift work for women, are still necessary, not because women are weaker or inherently capable of doing less work than men but because they still do two jobs.

"Although we look forward to a time when parenthood and domestic work are shared equally between the sexes, this is not the position today. Society does not yet help women by providing nurseries, after-school care or holiday

Whitehall protest goes on after

Mrs Regina Fischer, aged 63, of Hampstead, London, was remanded on bail of £20 until March 15 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with obstructing the pavement outside the Home Office Office.

Later she returned to White-ball, where she is staging a hunger strike in protest against the deportation orders on Mr the deportation orders on Mr
Philip Agee, the former CIA
agent, and Mr Mark Hosenball.
Mr Kenneth Barraclough,
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,
had rejected a police request
that bail should be conditional

A climber was killed in a 1,500ft fall on Ben Nevis yesterday. Another climber with him was believed to be making his

Mercenaries' organizer told police he suspected IRA deal Islands' Rather cloudy, frequent showers, heavy at times; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 9° or 10°C (48° to 50°F).

Midlands, E and central N

police headquarters provisions for children, or other social services such as laundries. "So the main burden still falls on the women. If they are under more pressure to work anti-social hours many of them will suffer an dso will their children." The council suggests that in some cases conditions for men should be brought into line with those for women. On the factory floor, for instance, the maximium litting weight is 150 lbf or men, but 6516 for women. "Perhaps men would have fewer hernias if their maximum weights were brought into line with women's?" The report also recommends

Thames Valley police head-quarters in Reading. She signed the visitors' book to com-memorate her visit to the £2.75m building.

Four years ago Thames Valley police stopped Princess Anne for alleged speeding on the M4, and she was cautioned. Yesterday, after driving to Reading she was greeted by Mr Francis Butters, chairman of the police authority, and Mr David Holdsworth, the Chief Constable. Mr Holdsworth will

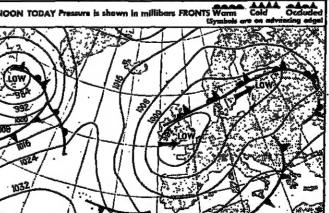
About 300 people wa: Princess dressed in checked suit and bla her husband.

The police said: "T due to arrive together
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Gloucestershire.

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House, her home in the decide whether Princess Anne's of the Royal Military husband, Captain Mark Phillips, Sandburst.

NOON TODAY

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: 7.1 am Moon rises: 8.30 am Sun sets: Moon rises: Moon sets: 8.30 am 10.37 pm First quarter: February 26. First quarter: February 26.
Lighting up: 5.58 pm to 6.29 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.13
am. 7.3m (23.9ft); 4.37 pm, 7.2m
(23.7ft). Avonmouth, 9.48 am,
13.2m (43.2ft); 9.57 pm, 12.7m
(41.8ft). Dover, 1.16 am, 6.3m
(22.4ft); 1.34 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft).
Hull, 8.40 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 8.42
pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Liverpool, 1.33
am, 8.9m (29.1ft); 1.46 pm, 9.1m'
(29.7ft).

A slowly filling centre of low pressure will move slowly into the English Channel.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE and tentral S England, East Anglia and Channel

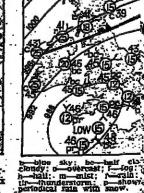
England: Showers, sunny intervals; wind SE to E, light; max temp 8°C (46°F). SW England and S Wales:
Mostly cloudy, showers, heavy at
dimes; wind SE backing NE, light
or moderate; max temp S C (48°F).

N Wales, NW and NE England,
Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW
Scotland and Glasgow: Mostly
cloudy, hill fog, outbreaks of rain,
least or grown of grounding wind. sleet or snow on mountains; wind mostly NE light; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scot-land, Orkney and Shetland: Wintry showers, sunny intervals, wind NE moderate or fresh; max wind NE moderate or fresh, make temp 4°C (39°F).

Argyll and N Ireland: Sunny intervals, showers after dull start, hill snow; Wind N moderate or fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Bright intervals, showers, wintry in N. Becoming generally rather cold, with night frost.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;



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WE NEWS.

90 doctors condemn rtion amendment as 'retrogressive'

irs Reporter in 1,200 doctors have letter to the Prime rotesting against the ie to have its second Friday. They say tent of the Bill would desirable and retro-ep" and would be ncrease the number

r, which was handed ighan yesterday, was by Dame Josephine asultant obstetrician cologist at Charing pital and Elizabeth lerson Hospital, Lon-ber of the Lane comthe Abortion Act, of Dr George Morris, ector and a member rument's standing risory committee.

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by Mr William onservative MP for increase es for exploitation the doors to financtice that existed in ry before the 1967 letter says. "Women more likely to seek abortion illegally, commercially

abortion illegally, commercially or even abroad."

The Bill ignored the main issue and sought merely to icrease bureaucratic devices for further restricting access to legal and safe abortion. The implementation of "this unnecessary Bill" would result in the very reverse of what its supporters claimed for it. It would also infringe civil liberties by allowing police access to confidential medical records.

allowing police access to confidential medical records.

The Bill proposes a series of restrictions on abortions that can now be carried out legally under the 1967 Act, including controls on charitable agencies, the prohibition of most abortions after the twentieth week of pregnancy instead of the present limit of 26 weeks, and the requirement that a woman's doctor must be informed of her doctor must be informed of her

abortion.

In a Commons written reply yesterday Mr Moyle, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, said 7.366 legal abortions had been performed at or after the twen-tieth week of pregnancy since the Act came into force in 1968 up until the end of 1975. No

later figures were available.

Last year 127,904 abortions were carried in England and Wales: 50,046 under the National Health Service and 77,858 by abortion charities and in other approved places, Mr Moyle said. A total of 167,149 abortions were performed in

ter drink-drive laws

ink-driving offences committed than 10 when the first laws were intro-Rodgers, Secretary r Transport, said yes-

the Motor Schools is at Worthing, West is he planned to in-Rlennerhassett com-stricter breath-test

He also plans to repeal the trainee licence laws for driving instructors so that every new instructor will have to train and become registered before he can give paid tuition.

Mr Rodgers said: "In 1976 over half of all drivers killed in road eccidents had alcohol in their blood and more than third had more than the legal Figures for young drivers separately, were even







Poll shows 40% in favour of scrapping the EEC

the EEC is steadily growing, and 40 per cent of people would be happy if it were scrapped, according to a new opinion poll published by NOP Market Research based on sample interviews last month. A Gallop Poli in January, 1976, found that 24 per cent of people would like the Community

scrapped. The latest NOP sampling found that only 35 per cent of people throughout British mem-bership of the EEC was a good thing, against the 50 per cent finding by Gallup in January, 1976. NOP found 31 per cent

Furniture

Michael Cowley

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Christopher

Hawkings

Carpets,

Rugs, etc.

James Pettifer

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British disillusionment with of people would have been sorry to see the EEC scrapped. Gal-0 per cent of people would be lups figure a year ago was 34

per cent.

A year ago 24 per cent
thought membership was a bad thought membership was a bad, thing, according, according to Gallup. In July last year the Gallup figure was 31 per cent and in September 37 per cent. Last month, NOP says, 41 per cent were against membership. Of those interviewed by NOP 41 per cent thought EEC membership had contributed a great deal to rising food prices. 29 per

deal to rising food prices, 29 per cent thought it had contributed a fair amount, and 16 per cent that it had contributed a little.

Government accused of planning benefit cuts

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government is accused today of planning surreptitious cuts in social security by cutting rates for children on supplementary benefit and reduc-ing the number of home visits to claimants.

Those are the most damaging of the proposals by the Department of Health and Social Security for achieving staff cuts, the Society of Civil and Public Servants contends in a highly critical statement.

The most deplorable proposal,

the society says, is to reduce the number of age-related

Items which should

Under £500:

£2000 plus:

Under £500:

£500-£2000:

Under £500:

£500-£2000:

Persian.

Under £500:

Caucasian rungs,

Best English.

continue to be a good

hedge against inflation

Good Victorian, e.g. desks, £500-£2000:

19th Century clocks. Pewter

Bracket & longcase clocks.

Good bronzes, wood carvings.

smaller rugs and saddlebags.

Sets of Hepplewhite

& Sheraton chairs.

Good English & Continental;

allowances for children from the present five to either three

The proposal for merging child-benefit rates was first made last year in the annual report of the Supplementary Benefits Commission as one of a number of ideas for a review of the way the system works. But Professor David Donnison chairman of the commission. charman of the commission, emphasized that any such move should not leave any family worse off than before. The review is considering that proposal, among others, and a report is expected in September, 1978.

Some relevant

realised in 1976

prices

Close eye on barmaids who charge too much

Persistent overcharging by barmaids was exposed yester-day by Mr Brian Beckert Con-sumer Protection Officer for Avon County Council. He has ordered his staff of 30 enforce

ordered his staff of 30 enforcement officers to watch for evidence in licensed premises throughout the county.

Mr Beckett's department prosecuted three barmaids found overcharging in Bristol. All pleaded guilty and were fined £50, £100 and £125 respectively by the magistrates.

One of Mr Beckett's staff saw a barmaid charge a woman 700

a barmaid charge a woman 70p instead of 68p for a round of drinks. Twice she charged 35p instead of 34p and another time.

astead of 34p and another time, 34p instead of 32p.

Mr Beckett said barmaids regularly added a penny or more to a round of drinks and rang up the inflated price on the till. "In some cases they could be in cahoots with the management, but separally they management, but generally they do it so that their own drinks and cheap drinks for their friends do not show up at stock-taking time."

Unwritten union agreements valid, judge says

Recognition agreements between independent unions and employers do not have to be in writing to be valid under the Employment Protection Act, the Employment Appeal Tribunal ruled yesterday.

It allowed an appeal by the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers against an industrial tribunal ruling that it was not recognized by Charles Ingram & Co Ltd, a clothing company, and therefore was not entitled to seek "protective" pay awards for union members made redundant.

Mr Justice Phillips, president of the appeal tribunal, said that in the absence of a written agreement it was sufficient that the facts clearly gave rise to

the facts clearly gave rise to an inference that the employers had recognized the union.

Illisions before warship sank'

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was told. Mifsud, aged 53, his

aged 38, a head

of Devereux Road,

Upstali Street, and Joseph



Commander Paget: Four charges denied.

HMS Hodgeston and HMS Crofton, which had misinter-preted the admiral's intentions and followed the Fittleton out

of line.
The Fintleton took up her replenishment position about 60ft to port of the Mermaid. She was in disturbed water and yawing five degrees. Lines being thrown by the minesweeper crew only bounced off the frigare.

the frigate.

"HMS Fittleton altered course to starboard and began to hove ahead in relation to HMS Mermaid and to close hermaids." rapidly." The two ships collided side on. The Firtleton bounced 10ft clear and seemed to accelerate. Commander to accelerate. Commander Paget ordered reductions of speed and corrected a swing of the stern of his sbip.

ahead, some 10ft from the Mermaid's side. When her bridge was abreast the midpoint of HMS Mermaid's fo'c's'le the accused ordered 'full ahead' and then hard a-port'. The ship began to turn to starboard, heeling to

Some of the works Lady

Spencer-Churchill is to sell

at Christie's next month to

meet her living expenses: a detail from " The Pope's

Palace at Avignon" (top left) and "Mimizan" in

south-west France (right),

Churchill; and a detail from

'Nesting Swan, Chartwell"

(bottom left), by Sir William

Nicholson. MPs expressed

concern yesterday (our

Political Correspondent writes). Mr Michael

Brotherton, Conservative MP for Louth, said he was

appalled to hear of her

difficulties; it looked like ingratitude by the nation-

both by Sir Winston

That took the Fittleton into the path of the Mermaid. She was rammed amidships and

capsized very quickly.
Admiral Hollins, who was watching from the Mermaid's bridge, said: "I had the impression that the ship was trying to get clear by going round the Mermaid's bows."

Captain Parker said there was no need to get so close to the Mermaid in the first place, that Cdr Paget failed to take positive action to revenut the first

tive action to prevent the first collision, that his ship was going too fast and that he failed to ensure that his wheel orders were obeyed.

Commander George Beattie, for the defence, pointed out that Commander Paget had only once before taken part in a close-hauled situation with

a larger ship.
The admiral replied: "RNR

The admiral replied: "RNR commanding officers are perfectly capable of doing a comparatively simple manoeuvre such as transfer at sea."

Commander Beattle said: "I am saying that replenishment from a larger shipp is a dangerous operation."

Admiral Hollins replied: "The RNP have been doing."

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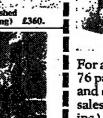
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Tory group seeks ways to curb rise in Scottish crime From Our Correspondent

Glasgow Controversial recommenda-

tions, such as giving the police more powers of search and arrest, are expected to come from a Scottish crime advisory committee, set up yesterday by Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative front bench spokesman on Scotland, at the instigation of

Scotland, at the instigation of Mrs Thatcher.

The chairman of the committee, Mr James Anderson, formerly senior magistrate of Glasgow and a chairman of Glasgow City Council's police committee, pointed out that there had been 18 killings this year in Strathclyde, only one fewer than in Northern Ireland.

Mr Taylor, MP for Glasgow, Cathcart, told a press conference yesterday that he hoped the committee's conclusions would provide ways of curbing the appalling increase in crime in Scotland, which he saw as a top priority in his policies.

He hoped the committee were each jailed for us. Emmanuel Borg, of Aldebert Terrace, mbeth, was jailed for All pleaded guilty to to pervert the justice. ichael Hill, for the m, said Frank Mifsud charged with suborn-man named Harold o give false evidence a to a trial concerning as in 1967. The three is tried to bribe Mr ot to appear as a wit-the Central Criminal

would hold its first meeting within a fortnight and would submit the first of a series of interim reports, for public con-sultation in time for the Scor tish Conservative Parry con-ference in May. Vandalism and violence were

Vandalism and violence were worrying, depressing and alarming, especially in Strathclyde, where there had been 18 killings in the past seven weeks, compared with only 16 murder convictions for the whole of Scotland between 1951 and 1957. Crimes of violence had trebled between 1955 and 1975.

The members of the commit-tee include Mr William Dalziel, tee include Mr William Dalziel, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland and a member of the Parole Board, and Mr Duncan McKenzie, former governor of Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow.

Its establishment coincides with the start of an internal investigation by Mr James Binnie, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) for Strathclyde.

Salvage-claim

three villagers hope to make a salvage fortune has had to be sunk because it threatened to damage harbour walls at Eos-castle, Cornwall. It broke its moorings on Sunday and was pumped full of water by fire-

found and brought in the barge are making a salvage claime of at least £50,000. They have been told that settlement might take a year.

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rmonth, put him in a ir and cost him more 10 yesterday.

Terner, aged 22, was into Great Yarmouth's tes' Court in a wheel-cause he cut his foot nen kicking in a news-plate glass window in

Clarke, aged 18, of Street, Oxford, was voxford magistrates months yesterday for ival supporters at two compensation. ly Wernent's part in police called "a night se and vandalism" in

ompensation.
Mr Wernet, a salesman, of
The Jordan, Allesley Park,
Coventry, pleaded guilty and
said he was sorry for what had happened. He was one of about 250 Coventry City supporters who went on the rampage in Yarmouth after their team had lost a first division game at Norwich on Saturday.

Ten other youths are to appear in court next month.

barge is sunk A 185ft steel barge on which

men to sink it. The three villagers who had fiancee get

for murder

From Our Correspondent

Terence Lammin, aged 39, and his fiancee, Eileen Bailey, also aged 39 and mother of nine children, were jailed at St Albans Crown Court, Herterstein percentage for life for the court of the state of t

charge of attempted murder.

would go to Mr Lammin.

die naturally even though she

had a heart ailment.

society.

Mr Barry Hudson, QC, for

life jail

St Albens

Twenty mathematical questions school-leavers | Lodger and are expected to get right first time

Mr B. T. Bellis, Headmaster of The Leys School, Cambridge, and chairman of a committee of teachers that has devised 20 specimen questions to achieve a national standard of basic skills in school mathematics, denied yesterday that the intention was to make the test the main determinant of the syllabus.

What was seen as an acceptable standard of proficiency for most pupils of school-leaving age would be achieved by some at the age of nine or 10, he said. Many interesting topics in mathematics that were accessible even to the least able were not included in the "essential minimum" and it would be wrong to compel some pupils to spend five years in secondary schools practising only basic skills.

Much of the value of those skills lay in the use made of them. It was, therefore, not sufficient to test basic skills in isolation. The aim was, rather, to encourage understanding of the common applications of such skills, and that should be reflected in the test.

But even if a question required only a few sentences to describe the "problem", however simple, it became a test of comprehension as well as of mathematical skill. The chronoflerical and "arealise" ages of logical and "reading" ages of pupils must be taken into account in the presentation of questions; as many as possible should appear in the form in which they would be encountered in everyday life.

"It is clear that there will be "It is clear that there will be differing opinions as to what should be included in the list of basic skills", Mr Bellis said. "The availability of cheap electronic calculators reduces the need to practise complicated arithmetical calculations, but it is still precessary to understand is still necessary to understand the processes in volved, and this understanding can be tested through simple examples."

The committee did not know what proportion of school-leavers could answer the kind of questions it had in mind, but they indicated "what we ought to be able to expect of the majority of the population". They were intended to be straightforward. "If they seem easy (even too easy) it is beeasy (even too easy) it is be-cause the majority of pupils are expected to get most of them

schools concentrate on them sufficiently at present." Mr Bellis said. "The success, or otherwise, of pupils would naturally reflect on the school concerned."

Schools should not be castigated for poor performance, but with a change of emphasis it was hoped progress could be made. There might, however, also be indications of a need for additional teachers or for further training of those without the necessary mathematical back-

The proposed questions are 1, 534 + 394 =

2. Complete the following by writing in the equivalent fractions: (a) 0.25 = ; (b) 50% = ; (c) 0.1 = ; (d) 5% = ; 3. 21.65 - 18.09

4. $18.56 \times 7 =$ 5. Estimate the value of 708 ÷ 31 to the nearest 10. 6. Shade in the fraction

7. What is cost of ten 81p stamps?

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(a) Whit is the latest train that I can catch from Ribchester to arrive in London before 3.30 pm?

(b) At hat time does the fastest train shown on this timetable leave. Ribchester? Ast what time does the slowest train leave Ribchester? (c) How long does the 11.59 from Ribchester take to get to London? (to nearest 1 hour). to London? (to nearest 1 hour).

buy two large packs instead of buying the same amount in small jars? 17. Five people have the following Although schools should not spend all their time teaching basic skills in mathematics, "we are not convinced that all weekly wages: £50, £29.45, £25, £42.35, £35.50, (a) What is the average wage? (b) Express the smallest wage as a fraction of the

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11. John paid £2.52 for seven large tins of dog food. How much were they each ? 12. The rest of a house is £9.80 a week. To the nextest £100, how much is this a year?

12 The numbers above show four motorway exits. It is 25 miles from exit nine to exit 12 and seven miles from exit 11 to exit 12. Exit 10 is hafway from exit nine to exit 11. How far is it from exit nine to exit 10? These dials show the number of gallons of liquid in a factory storage tank. Find the number of gallons used in the day.

Morning reading: gallons; evening reading: gallons; amount used in a day:

to exit 10?

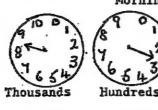
14 A cheque is made out for seven hundred and two pounds and forty-three pence.

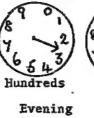
15. Given that 23×51=1,173, write down the values of (a) 2.3×5.1; (b) 2,300×510; (c) 0.23×0.51.

16. A small jar of cleaner (containing 100 grams) costs 25p; a large pack (containing 250 grams) costs 60p. What is the saving if 1 gallons.

If this amount was used each day, how long would the liquid left in the tank last?

Morning





Hundreds



smallest wage as a fraction of the largest.

18, A bedroom suite is in a sale, where everything is "20% off!". The normal price is £225. What is the sale price? If you paid a deposit of \(\frac{1}{2}\), how many mouths would it take to pay off the rest at £10 a month?

19. This chart shows the number

of cars unsold by a salesman in one week. (a) How many did he sell on his best day? (b) The garage is closed on one day each week. Which day is this? (c) He

was paid £10 for each car sold. How much was he paid altogether.

Fine for selling beer on credit

Santam Singh, aged 36, a licensee, of Well Lane, Wednesfield, Staffordshire, was fined f5 by the Wolverhampton magistrates yesterday for selling here on creeding

Chief Inspector Kenneth Buncle, for the prosecution, said: "H you purchase intoxicating liquor and drink it on the premises it has to be paid for at the time."

Girl murder charge

Peter Colin Hunter, aged 26, married, of Paradise Road, Downham Market, Norfolk, was The jury found the couple guilty of murder and Mr Lammin guilty of a further the prosecution, said the couple, of Sleaps Hyde, Stevenage, had plotted the woman's death after

she had changed her will so King Khaled improves that almost her entire estate The estate comprised her detached house in Brampton Park Road, Hitchin, and cash savings including £9,000 in a building

He said the couple killed Miss Baridon, a Swiss-born retired dressmaker, by first giving her an overdose of drugs Minster staff in union in her Ovaltine and then smothering her with a pillow as she lay unconscious. Such had been the couple's greed that they could not wait for her to

Fall near live rail

Caretakers strike

takers in protest against a new

Rail service cut were openly admitting that they had killed Miss Baridon. Graeme Nicholson, aged 25, a freelance photographer, of Bergholt Crescent, Stamford Hil, London, was jailed at Middlesex Crown Court yesterday for five and a half years for being knowingly concerned in the attempted exportation of liquid cannabis.

650 birds destroyed

In brief

fordshire, yesterday, for life for murdering Miss Bertha Baridon, aged 91, his landlady.

remanded in custody for eight days by King's Lynn magistrates yesterday, accused of the murder of Heidi Reddin, aged

The condition of King Khaled of Saudi Arabia was said to be very satisfactory in the Wellington Hospital, London, yesterday, after a recent hip

Thirteen members of the indoor staff of York Minster, in-cluding six vergers, have joined the Transport and General Workers' Union. The head verger is shop steward.

Mrs Carol Oldham, aged 23, of Browning Road, Wallasey, was treated for shock yesterday after falling near the power rail of the Mersey underground at Wallasey Village station. The couple, who until then were penniless, planned a new life in Australia. They had got engaged only 12 hours before the ymurdered the landlady and the next day Mr Lammin bought a £125 engagement ring.

They were given away two months after Miss Baridon's cremation with the money "almost in their pockets", counsel said. The boy friend of Mrs Bailey's daughter, Leslie, went to Stevenage police station and told detectives how the couple were openly admitting that Eighty schools in Swansea were unable to open yesterday because of a strike by care-

Through services on the Lon-

don-Hastings main railway line were halted yesterday by a landslip at Wadhurst, East Sussex. They are expected to resume on Thursday.

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Heavy cost for driver who ran

When Thomas Bourke, aged When Thomas Bourke, aged 21, a lorry driver, was seen tipping rubbish on Barnet council property he was chased by the site foreman and the police but the disasters that followed cost him £1,400 at Hendon Magistrates Court London, yesterday.

After driving his 11-ton lorry across pavements, Mr Bourke, of Warrender Road, Upper Holloway, London, found his path blocked. He abandoned the lorry and ran off, Pc David Taylor said, but the handbrake was not set; the lorry rolled back into the police van, pushing it on to the pavement it procked down two rolls at the pavement. knocked down two walls of a private garage and damaged a Mini parked inside, and then through a fence surrounding an electricity substation.

Mr Bourke pleaded guilty to abandoning a quantry of topsoil without permission at Copthall stadium, Mill Hill; driving dangerously; having no insurance, no licence; failing to stop the engine and set the handbrake, damaging a garage and a Mini; and damaging fencing.

He was fined £225 and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation for the garage and £175 for damage to the car. He was disqualified from driving for a

Cuts 'will mean poor children missing school'

By a Staff Reporter Proposed cuts in Leicester-shire's school clothing grants will greatly increase the num-ber of children unable to go to school because they have no clothes or choes, an open letter of complaint to the council from the Child Poverty Action Group says.

The council plans to spend £45,000 on clothing grants next year, less than half this year's sum. But the action group says the number of needy cases has risen by more than a third and that since November no money has been left for families need-

The council will vote tomor-

Dog's new life

Margaret, a five-month-old mongrel chosen from 500 strays at The Dog's Home, Battersea, by Shaikh Sultan al Dhari flew from Heathrow airport yester-day to live in her new master's palace at Abu Dhabi,

Islanders fear that uranium-bearing land will be taken regardless of their wishes

Jail on drug charge

Mr Edwin Ritch's farm lies in the "uranium corridor" north of Stromness. It is pleasant countryside rising to the dramatic cliffs at Yesnaby where the Atlantic tears at the

edge of Orkney.

Mr Ritch and his neighbours are uneasy about the possibility that their land might lie on a workable vein of uranium. He said: "It is something we simply do not know about. Ask me about farming and I can give you an answer. Ask me about and I can only guess. No one has really explained about it but I reckon that if the stuff is there they will take it away,

The application from the South of Scotland Electricity Board to drill 11 test bores on the land will be considered to-day by the Orkney Islands day by the Orkney Islands Council. It is likely to sup-port the decision by the coun-cil's planning committee to refuse the application, argu-ing that since Orkney could never countenance large scale mining there is little point in Islanders say no issue has ever raised such wholehearted

resistance. They fear that uranium has become expensive

Regional report

would seem most economic to

Ronald Faux

process the uranium on Orkney. People talk about a huge opencast trough running the and spreading lethal dust over the land and people of Stromness. No one wants a uranium mine on the doorstep. The next question, if the council resists the electricity board, will be whether the Govern-ment takes over the land. Some farmers complain about the manner in which the

acquired permission to drill from the landowners.
Some signed a document and
only later realized they bad
given the board the sole right within seven years to acquire the land and extract uranium.
Others took legal advice but eventually signed because, like Mr Ritch, they felt that if the Government wanted the land they would take it anyway.
Others among Orkney's

enough to make the Orkney deposits worth exploiting.

Since preliminary tests put the concentration at about one ton of ore to eight of rock it terminal for a fifth of Britain's

age of £2,500 to £2,600 earned by their fellows elsewhere.

oil supplies coming from the Piper field in the North Sea. Mr Graeme Lapsley, Orkney Islands Council chief ezecu-tive, said: "We were a flour-ishing and stable local community without any of these new industries. Unemployment was very low and the situation good in the traditional occupations of farming, knitwear and distilling. Quite frankly, we felt that oil was a development which could be controlled, whereas uranium is

quantity.20 The electricity board says its plans were painstakingly ex plained to everyone involved two nuclear power stations and is negotiating the right to explore in two other Scottish locations.

Its greatest future uranium requirement is likely to be about 1,000 tons a year, al-though the Department of Energy says that in the 1980s demand will be considerably ahead of the discovery rate.

In that light Orkney is not hopeful that protests by farmers, doctors and council-lors will exceed pressure to provide uranium for the national power supply if the deposits are viable. Nor are the islanders optimistic that ignoring their deeply hidden wealth will be a way of protecting it.

Decline in job openings for graduates 'socially unjust'

From John Chartres

The sudden reduction in job opportunities for graduates in the public sector is economic-ally absurd and socially unjust, Bernard Holloway, secretary to the Manchester University Appointments Board, says in his

annual report.

He argues that the ability of the universities to adapt quickly to an economic crisis is limited. Nothing can be done to affect the supply of graduates before Mr Holloway, who last year

drew attention to the high pro-fessional salaries being paid in the public sector compared with those in private industry, sug-gests that there now appears to be a strong case for holding back the rate of increase of applications wages and public-service wages and He says "resource sharing" might produce a part solution

"Had it been possible for them to be employed as teach-ers at this salary of £2,600, five new teachers could have been recruited and paid for every four who have actually been employed."

He also says that suggestions that more school-leavers should study science and technology,

and that that would help to lessen the nation's predicament, do not take account of inter-national comparisons which suggest that Britain is already, in relation to the size of popula-tion, producing as many scientists and engineers as other Western nations.

A survey conducted among students who graduated at Manchester University and became available for teaching employ-ment last year showed that in mid-September just under 15 per cent had been unable to find jobs. For students who obtained degrees through col-leges associated with the uni-versity the figure was 20 per

Inquiry into powers of coroners urged

A coroner has been criticized by the Rev Cyril Rosamond, of Acomb Methodist Church, York, who accused him of "mon-strougly hersh" treatment of a trainee nurse who made a mis-

Mr Rosamond called for a reexamination of coroners' powers. He said coroners appeared to be above the law and free to commit character assassination

Mr Anthony Morris, the York Coroner, was told at an inquest last week that the trainee, Miss Debra Trattles, aged 18, of Gower Road, York, failed to tell her superiors at Knavesmire Nursing Home that a woman, aged 92, had fallen from a laytory while in her care. The woman broke her thigh and was said to have died as a

Miss Trattles said she had intended to tell someone about the fall but it had slipped her mind. The coroner said anyone with "helf a grain of intelli-gence" would have reported the fall.

to unemployment, observing that teachers with second-class honours degrees are paid a starting salary of just under £3,200, compared with an aver-BBC chief's warning on corruption in advertising

By Kenneth Gosling

Sir Charles Curran, DirectorGeneral of the BBC, has given a warning of the risk of corruption that might arise from unrestrained and unregulated advertising at sports venues or on participants.

In a speech made privately to sports administrators last week, and released yesterday by the BBC, Sir Charles said:

"Nothing could be easier than little bit more lovingly on the particular sign in question than was strictly required by the progress of the event itself."

He was not, he said, doubting the integrity of BBC staff, but mentioned the point because of the "insidious invasion" of programmes by corruption in France in the late 1960s.

Sir Charles said:

Sir Charles said excessive advertising at televised sports In a speech made privately to sports administrators last week, and released yesterday by the BBC, Sir Charles said: "Nothing could be easier than to slip a fiver-and, indeed, a very great deal more-into the back pocket of the cameraman

or the director in order to

linger just that little bit more fee, which sustained its inde-lovingly on the particular sign pendence

vertising at televised sports events raised in the public mind a doubt either about the BBC's

integrity or about the integrity and desirability of the licence

Advertising at a sports venue

was accepted as part of the scene, provided it was resonably permanent, but resisted when placed on participants: "We have said this because it seems to be the only line which we can draw and easily hold." The history of exploitation by commercial interests gave no encouragement that they would show restraint of their own

organizers of sports combined to regulate the application of

commercial interest to sporting events in 10 years everyone would regret what had happened.
Sir Charles made his speech last Wednesday, the day it was announced that a dispute over

advertising threatens the tele-vising of the British Grand Prix at Silverstone in July. The RAC said yesterday that the difficulty had still not been resolved and no further meetings between the parties-itself, the BBC and the Formula One

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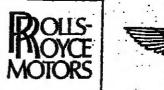
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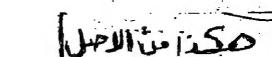
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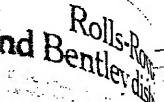
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Hostage family safe as gunman surrenders

From Peter Nichols Rome, Feb 21

Francesca Bartoli, the badly wounded escaped convict who yesterday took a family of five hostages—at one stag offering to exchange three children for the Pope-surrendered this morning after a 16-hour siege. He was taken to the prison hospital at Cuneo.

Signor Bartoli and two others escaped yesterday from the medieval castle used as a prison at Saluzzo while convicts inside temporarily held hostage a guard and three prisoners they described as "fascists."

The two other prisoners who escaped were quickly recap-tured but Signor Bartoli, who was shot in the arm and face injured his foot in the escape, got as far as a house near the

There he held Signor Giuseppe Ariaudo, his wife and three children hostage until his growing weakness and realization of the hopelessness of his position convinced him to accept the offer of being taken to hospital.

Signor Bartoli was the Idest of nine children been of unmarried parents in Moltetta in Italy's deep south, and had suffered the upheaval of moving to Turin.

He was arrested for the first time in 1970 for theft and the following year escaped from prison. In his six months of berty he committed four robbeeries, was arrested again and sentenced to 14 years' improsinment, of which he has served

Until yesterday, according to his defeiding counsel, he had not been involved in shooting incidents and did not appear to beelong to any political group. Yet yesterday he insisted than he was a member of a far left-wing terrorist group and spoke of the whole jailbreak as a military operation.

His own pathetic entry into Signor Ariando's house was, he said, an act of "military occu-

Tomorrow Parliament is to debate Italy's violence in gen-eral and particularly the clash between Communists and far left-wing students at Rome University, in which at least 50 people were injured.

Meanwhile Signor Ghidini, the policeman killed by a young man said to belong to the left-wing terrorist group, the "Red Brigades" will be buried in Milan tomorrow.

From Our Correspondent

lation BT and the weekly Berl-

ingske Weekendavisen since January 30, hardened today. The technical staff voted to

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tions with their representatives

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Quality of the man counts, not length of the locks

Short-back-and-sides defence of the long-haired Dutch Army

Not long ago when the Soviet Ambassador in The Hague commented rudely about the long, unkempt hair of Dutch soldiers, Mr Henk Vredeling, the former Defence Minister, retorted sharply that the same could be said of Samson.

Mr Vredeling, who has since irroops taking part.

left The Hague to join the European Commission in Brussels has read around Breda sels, has made a name for himself as a master of waspish and colourful repartee. But his irritation at the depiction abroad of the Dutch soldier as a shabby, undisciplined lout with a deplorable lack of mission is shared by most other government leaders in The

Hague. In a recent speech to an international audience, Mr C. L. J. van Lent, a State Secre-tary for Defence, hit back at the critics with a well-reasoned defence of the armed forces. It was true, he said, that compared with 10 years ago there were now many long-haired servicemen in the ranks and the military salute was on the way out. "These are, however, all outward appearances and by no means indicative of the quality of the man or of the credibility and the effectiveness of the armed forces as a whole ", he

It was to illustrate this point in the field that the Dutch Army invited a group of journa-lists last week to observe part of a five-day manoeuvre by its 11th Armoured Infantry Brigade around Breda near the Belgian frontier.

A day spent in a bus, winding through the narrow lanes of the neat south Dutch countryside in the mist, and almost always arriving too late or too early to witness the capture of a canal bridge or the storming of an enemy position, was not the most effective way of judging the mettle of the 2,000 or so

Nor is the densely populated area around Breda with its few open spaces the ideal site, even for a relatively modest manoeuvre involving about 100 armoured troop-carriers and reconnaissance vehicles. No heavy tanks were taking part to road surfaces and air action was limited to three helicopters owing to the danger of interfer-ing with civil air traffic.

But despite these drawbacks, series of interviews with short-back-and-side commanding officers of the brigade and a random sample of the views of conscripts, many with hair tumbling from their helmets, revealed that much of the criticism is unwarranted.

Brigadier Jan van Valdere, the officer in charge of the manoeuvres, has been agreeably surprised with the efficiency of his troops since he returned to Holland a few months ago from a tour of duty at Nato headquarters in Brussels. Indeed, he finds the Dutch private's willingness to carry out his duties measures up to the highest standards of the British Army, which he much admires service in Britain some

squadron commander, Major Jan Benda, in a reference to

some of his hirsute underlings,

conceded, "I've got some real

beauties here". But he found that virtually all his men went out of their way not to insist on the rights—like time-off for overtime that their unions have won in negotiations with the authorities in recent years. Of the 154 soldiers taking part in the exercise only two had pleaded sickness to avoid five days on the march. Generally absenteeism in the Army was running far below the average in other walks of life.

The conscripts themselves betray the same ambitions as their peers in other Nato countries. A 19-year-old with long, flaming red locks, nursing a machine gun on a ground eet under a pine tree, was looking forward to his return to civilian life in four months time after a national service saint of about 14 months.

But, like his shorter haired

companion, who was sheltering alongside him rocket-launcher in hand, he has little time for Army trade unions which he thinks have moved away from improving the lot of the soldier to more political objectives. A few years ago, he and many of his colleagues might eagerly have joined one of the tenious, if only as a sign of pro-test against the establishment.

But as long hair itself is beginning to lose its attraction in the Dutch armed forces, so is the revolutionary fervour of which it was an outward mani-

Spanish Communists name poll candidates

Communist Party tonight put new pressure on the Government by announcing its list of caandidates for the coming general election, even before the party had been declared legal.

The Communists, officially banned since the end of the civil war in 1939, applied for legal status on February 11. The Government is to decide by Wednesday whether to refer the application to the Supreme Court for a ruling.

However, the party pressed the issue tonight by publishing

altered work schedules as part

trades in the Copenhagen area and against the planned reduc-tion of the printing staff of 1,000 by 300 who the manage-

ment has said will be made

redundant during the year.

A new complaint has been entered to the labour arbitra-

tion machinery by Berlingske over the workers' refusal to

obey the labour court's order.

For their part, the printing unions have obtained assurances of the support from

their international federation

and from printing unions in

level for printing

Madrid, Feb 21.-The Spanish its list of candidates in most constituencies for the Lower House. The Communists thus became the first party to put forward a detailed list of candi-dates for the election to be held by the end of June.

Señor Santiago Carrillo, the party's secretary general, and Senora Dolores Ibarruri (La Pasionaria), its president, who is 81, head the lists for Madrid and the Asturias.

Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, today worked on the final details of an economic package designed to see Spain through

Dutch strike wave worst

since 1945 Rotterdam, Feb 21.—The Netherlands remained crippled strikes since the Second World War, with stoppages continuing at ports, on building sites, in engineering sector and elsewhere. .

The number of strikers at Rotterdam reached 6,000 and Europe's largest port was con-sidered to be " 85 per cent para-

The unions are asking for a. 2 per cent increase in real wages while the employers are offering 1 per cent and want a return to work before resuming

About 5,000 workers at 14 big companies, including a Dutch subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries, suspended strike action today to get wage nego-About 200 ships are strike-

bound in Rotterdam, and more than 300 have been diverted to other ports.-Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

General is charged in de Broglie affair

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 21 The case of Prince Jean de Broglie, a former Independent Republican minister and member of Parliament, who was shot dead on Christmas Eve, is in the limelight again with the

news that an Army officer has been charged in connexion with the illegal sale of the pistol used in the murder.
The revelation of the charge against General Pierre Tuffet. General Comptroller of the armed forces, is contained in this week's issue of the news magazine, La Point. The ministry for the armed forces

has confirmed the report.

General Tuffet, who is 62, is responsible for certificates issued by the Establishment for Technical Experiences of Bourges (ETBS) which declare that weapons have been made harmless and can be sold to

collectors without a li It was while investigating the origins of the German-made pistol used to kill Prince de Broglie that police uncovered the alleged racket in the sale of weapons certified as un-serviceable. These arms have had two holes bored through their barrels and the hammer removed.

The pistol used in the murder of Prioce de Broglie was bought from M Jacques Garry, an armourer of Pontault Gombault, in the Seine-et-Marne, south-west of Paris. Police discovered that several

recent crimes, including the murder of a police inspector at Château Thierry, had been carried out with weapons bought from M Garry's shop. Garry, who was questioned the investigating magistrate by the investigating magistrate in the Broglie case, insisted he had always respected police had always respected police regulations regarding the sale of weapons.

Dr Soares happy about the outcome of EEC quest

From Jose Shercliff Lisbon, Feb 21

Dr Mario Soares, Portugal's Prime Minister, returned to Lisbon today after his first round of visits to EEC countries to seek support for Portugal's acceptance as a full member of the Community. He showed himself pleased with

the result of his journey.

The welcome he received at the airport both from members of his Government and the public was a warm one. As the newspaper Diario de Noticias said in a leading article today:
"No one else in Portugal has the authority and prestige abroad to undertake so signifi-cant and historic a task."

Dr Soares visited four EEC countries in the past seven favour Portugal's candidacy days, and in Britain, Ireland, and France to raise problems

Honduras names airport road after EEC

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Feb 21 Hot on the heels of the diplomatic breakthrough represented by last week's Russian acceptance of the EEC as a negotiating partner on fish, the Community has received recog-nition of a different kind.

The Government of Hon-duras has named the new road between Tegucigalpa, the capital, and the airport, the "Avenue of the European Communities".

Mr Roy Jenkins, the president of the European Commission, sent a telegram expressing satisfaction at this symbol of the friendly relations between Honduras and the EEC.

Denmark and Italy he found sincere promise of support for Portuguese membership. At home, the Socialists, Social Democrats and Christian

Democrats have declared their support. Only the Communists and ultra-left groups are

Dr Soares told reporters that, in order to facilitate Portugal's entry, everyone "must work very hard 5 work very hard. he austerity programme had to be effective, but he implied that the outlook was bright. Membership would

favourable to the workers, he said, and he was optimistic about his visits next month to the rest of the Community. West Germany is known to favour Portugal's candidacy

Four-week-old Naafi dispute settled

Waldniel, West Germany, Feb 21.-The British Forces' service organization Naafi, today announced settlement of four-week-old strike by its shop and club managers in

West Germany.

A Naafi spokesman said that
Mr Peter Leadley, aged 26, of
Yorkshire, was in hospital at
Krefeld after him. Krefeld after being injured by a lorry while picketing a ware-house there. The incident occurred on Friday but became known only today.

The union last week accused

scrapped by Mr Carter if Russia agrees to missiles trade-off the hands of the Russians and

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Feb 21

OVERSEAS.

President Carter and the Secretary of Defence, Mr Harold Brown, have decided to cut the defence budge by \$2,700m (£1,580m) next year. The details will be announced tomorrow. The cuts, promised by the

President in his election campaign, will mainly be achieved by slowing down production of expensive weapons such as the B1 bomber. A review of defence spending is under way and these provisional cuts, therefore, are probably not im-According to the New York

Times today, the President also month. A final decision on wants to show the Soviet whether to go ahead and order Union that there is still time a fleet of them was postpoued for a Salt II agreement. The B1, he MX missile and the cruise missile will be held in reserve. They will not be bombers.

New York, Feb 21
The battle between Darwinism

and the biblical account of

the Creation is being fought once again in the United States, this time in Indiana. The Indiana Civil Liberties

Union has started legal pro-

ceedings against a school board in the southern, rural part of the state for using a biology textbook that gives the biblical

The local school board is fighting back, arguing that many biologists do in fact be-lieve that the world was created

along the lines set out in the

Book of Genesis. This being so, they maintain, there can be nothing wrong about using the Bible to teach biology.

The school board covers the

western part of Clark County, an area along the north bank of

James Lang, the lawyer who is

representing the board, says that the people belong to several different religious denominations, but that the great majority believes the Genesis theory of the creation.

The Civil Liberties Union, on the control of the creation.

its side, claims that by using the textbook the board is violat-

ing the American Constitution,

of religion. Their objection,

they say, is not so much to the

use of the book as to the fact that it has been chosen as the

only biology textbook for the

The book is entitled Biology: A Search for Order in Com-

which bans the escablishment

the Ohio river, containing handful of small towns.

Court to test issue of

Darwin versus the

Bible all over again

Mr Carter is apparently ready the to cancel all or some of them if the Russians modify their own defence spending correspondingly.

Three costly weapons could be

On February 8, the President gave a press conference in which he said that if the Russians stopped the deployment of the SS30 missile in East Europe, the Americans might not have to develope a comparable missile. The b1 supersonic bomber is

of biology as they are known scientifically is that of biblical creationism.

Scopes was tried and convicted for teaching Darwinism. It has

come out into the open again in recent years in California and elsewhere.

In Indiana a state commis-

sion draws up a list of approved textbooks for a certain subject, from which school boards must

choose one. The latest biology

court, but both sides are shar-

pening their weapons. The Civil Liberties Union maintains that

it is not trying to ban the book

simply to have it removed from

the official list, so that if any

The school board says that

the biblical account of the creation has just as much basis

as the theory of evolution. But they add that they are not banning the teaching of the

theory of evolution, and that a biology teacher has the right to

introduce it in addition to using the textbook.

The dispute is one that has

now ready for production. President Ford ordered eight of them in his last budget, which was delivered last for the new Administration. Mr Carter has decided to reduce the initial order to five

ceptor will be cut from 108 next year to 78. It would be more difficult to stop the B1 programme finally than the MX and a decision will be taken this summer.

Spending on the MX will be cut from the \$294m proposed by Mr Ford to \$135m. There is also a report that Mr Carter wants to cancel orders for 100 Minutemen 3 intercontinental ballistic missiles. These are improved vesions of existing missiles, but might be thought redundant if the Americans also possessed the Trident sub-

marine (whose missile was tested recently) and the M.X The President has also concurred in the tentative decision reached by Mr Ford to cancel the order for a fourth giant nuclear aircraft carrier (of the Nimitz class).

Mr Trudeau on visit to Washington

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Feb 21
Mr Pierre Trudeau, the
Canadian Prime Minister,
arrives in Washington today on plexity. It begins by saving that it is "explicit throughout the text that the most reasonable explanation of the actual facts

an official visit. President Jose
Lopez Portillo of Mexico was
here last week.

The fact that the United
States' two neighbours were raged in many parts of the United States for years, the most famous instance being the "monkey trial" in Tennessee in 1925 when John the first to send delegations to meet the new President is partly coincidental, but Mr Carter has seized the opportunity to state that the basis of American foreign policy must be good relations with its neighbours.

Mr Trudeau will deliver an address to a joint session of Congress to a joint session of congress tomorrow, as President Lopez did last week. Mr Tip O'Neill, the speaker of the House, has asked Mr Carter not to suggest that other visiting displayers about 1 ing dignizuries should follow suit. Ottawa Correspondent

list contains the offending text-book, as a result of pressure from fundamentalists, and it was chosen by the West Clark community school board. Our Ottawa Correspondent writes: The Parti Québécois Government of Quebec has The case has not yet gone to begun to lay the groundwork for a promised referendum on whether Quebec should secede At a weekend meeting in Montreal of the party's national council, a committee of seven was estaafished to prepare for the vote, which Mr Rene Levesque, the Prime Minister, has said will take place during his Government's school board wants to use it, it will only be possible as a sup-

chairman of the Parti Québé police station, whe cols executive council, said noticed a swastila on t that the party would not support any candidate or party in the federal by-elections

From Alan McGregor Geneva, Feb 21 Details of torture : used by police in A

were given here to representatives of the tine Commission for They said that in

Killed in Argentine

month-old military re General Jeorge Videl people have been kille held prisoner for polit sons and between 20, 30,000 persons have appeared. Many of the tainly murdered. The Argentines are lobby delegates at the

of the 32-nation United Human Rights Con which they hope will team to investigate rights in their country.

Although Argentines classes are said to be the victims police.

the victims, police to reported to be directed at Latin Americans wh Argentina because of persecution, or fear o home. Kidnappings are said

carried out by armed identifying themselv belonging to the mili police forces while the security forces decli-knowledge of such i and refuse to intervene.

"It is all centralized hands of the military ment", the Argentine Rights Commission clai authorities, it points out publish lists of prisoners for strategic prisoners for strategic related to the war again

yersion . Señor Garcia Mur young Chilean expelle Argentina in Decemb now living in Britain, interrogators boasted were more efficacion the Dina (the Chilean police). He said he was for 55 days and subje many tormres during c ing, including being su-head-down in water and electrodes applied to 1 his wet and naked body.

Father Patrick Rice an Irish priest who he in Argentina since 19. apprehended in the Aires' shanty town of V dati in October -He said he was hood tortured during 12 day secret interrogation While not in the chamber, he was tightl cuffed to a wall and a mitted to go to a toilet.

"You can feel you stop bearing when th you the electricity", he term of office.

Still hooded, he with taken to the Coordination of the Pierre Renaud, the eral, the main Bueno.



Arthur Ashe, the tennis player, and Miss Jeanne Marie Moutoussamy (both left) being ms tares. in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the Rev Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations in New York by the New York by

Catholics press South Africa over private schools

From Our Correspondent Iohannesburg, Feb 21

The Roman Catholic Church in South Africa is to urge the Government to amend the con-stitution to allow children of all races to attend private schools. Senior church officials, led by the Archbishop of Pretoria, Mer Danbury, today met Mr Sybrand van Niekerk, the administrator of Transvaal province.

The Church has angered the Government by its unilateral decision to open its schools to children of all races in defiance of state policy that education at all levels is to be segregated. The Catholic initiative has been followed to some extent by Anglican schools and those of other denominations.

Today's meeting was des-cribed as "very cordial", but the brevity of the statement suggests that there was considerable disagreement. It said that in view of the Church's intention to approach the central Government it was decided to issue no further comment on

Botswana to return Rhodesian's body

Salisbury, Feb 21.—Botswana has agreed to return to Rhodesia the body of Detective the West German police of Inspector Michael Harlow, a using force against pickets at Krefeld. This was promptly during a "not pursuit" operation in Botswana last Friday, the Rhodesian Government said

Deceptive calm in guerrilla coun

Kazangula, Feb 21
The Zambezi river flows

deep and fast at Kazangula. The muddy brown waters, swollen by the recent rains, rush past in a headlong race towards the Victoria Falls, 40 miles downstream.

Kazangula is the meeting point of black and White

Africa. At this remote spot in the middle of thick African bush four frontiers meet, those of Zambia, Rhodesia, Botswana and the eastern point of the Caprivi Strip in Namibia (South-West Africa). There is little to indicate that this is an international

crossroads. Just a tiny customs shed manned by an immaculately uniformed Zambian official and a pontoon ferry which transports vehicles to and from Botswana on the south side of the river. The Rhodesian customs post,

where goods from the rebel

regime are surreptitiously loaded on to Zambian lorries for transport northwards across the Zambezi, is just our of sight from the Zambian shore. There is no Namibian customs post because the Caprivi Strip is a military area and no one goes there except guerrillas from the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) operating against South African forces along the

Outwardly it seems very calm. Only the presence of two Zambian soldiers in two camouflage uniform armed with Kalashnikovs serves as a reminder of the growing ten-

Near by, the town of Livingstone seems equally tranquil. Whites and blacks rub shoulders round the roulette tables at the Fairmount Hotel while groups of tourists take boat trips along the Zambezi (keeping well to the Zambian side of the river) or observe the floodlit Victoria Falls by night.

Trains continue to cross the Victoria Falls bridge linking Zambia with Rhodesia, despite the closure of the border four years ago. A Rhodesian steam locomotive shunts a line of trucks on to the bridge, stop-ping a few feet short of the centre span. The locomotive is uncoupled and returns to Rhodesia. A Zambian engine then tows the trucks into Zambia en route to the Zaire copperbelt.

Recently Zapu has be at the superficial calm is deceptive. This is guerrilla country. Fighters belonging to the Zimbabwe African People's the border to Francist to the border to the group headed by Mr Joshua Nkomo, pass this way from Rhodesia via Botswana to guerrilla camps in Zambia and Tanzania. They also move back again through Botswana to strike at targets inside Rho-desia. The Zapu forces are con-siderably less numerous than those belonging to the Zim-babwe African National Union (Zanu), who operate mainly from Mozambique along Rhodesia's eastern border. However, they have a reputation of being better trained and more effective.

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But when the Palestoine National Council, the Parlia-ment in exile, meets in Cairo on March 12 to decide its policy at Geneva and its attirude towards a future Palec-tinian state, Mr Salah Khalaf, Mr Arafat's deputy and one of his closest supporters, will find himself in trouble and may well be replaced.

well be replaced.

Mr Khalaf, an outspoken
Jeftist radical better known as Abu Iyad, was military com-mander during the Lebanese war. He is blamed by the Syrians for the war and the Syrians, who are packing the enlarged National Council with their own supporters, regard him as the most dispensable of the PLO leadership.

Mr Khalaf made some of the most provocarive statements on the leftist side during the civil war. When the beleagured war. When the beleagueen Christian forces turned the port of Jounieh into their temporary capital, he uttered the memorable phase "The road to through Palestine passes
Jounieh ". through

During the council's deliberations, the Syrians are relying on Mr Zohair Mohsen, whose Saiga guerrilla group works for the Damascus Government. He is likely to be the man to demand Mr Khalaf's dismissal and he will be backed by Mr Abdul Mohsen (Abu Maizer). the PLO's official spokesman and a former Syrian Baathist.

Choice of 'liberty or slavery' for India

Delhi, Feb 21

The Congress for Democracy, party founded by Mr Jagjivan a party founded by Mr Jagjivan Ram, is appealing to the people "to be fearless and vote with clear conscience". In its election manifesto released here today it pledges the restoration of all democratic rights, an end to the emergency and the repeal of arbitrary laws.

In the economic field, it advocates curbs on the monopolies and promises of fixed

polies and promises of fixed prices for essential commodi-ties and fair prices for farmers. The full participation of The full participation of workers in industry, completion of speedy land reforms, and homes and sites for homes for both the rural and urban popu-lations, are among other You are face to face with

life and death, liberty and slavery, people's rule and open society or rule by a caucus". the manifesto declares. "The coming election provides the last opportunity to revert back to the democratic way of life hequesthed to us by the father of the nation (Mahatma

Gandhi).
"If this occasion is lost, if we fail to discharge our obliga-



Mr Jayaprakash Narayan addresses a Calcutta rally of the opposition Janata party.

Delhip, Feb 21.-Congress for Democracy (CFD), is fielding 52 candidates for the 542 seats

was Agriculture Minister and Mrs Gandhi's most senior colleague until be defected. 52 candidates for the 542 seats Today was the last day for in the Lower House. It was the withdrawal of candidates.

tion correctly, a dark night formed earlier this month by The Janata Party would conshall descend on our people dissidents from the Congress test 71 seats in Uttar Pradesh, which will continue for decades Party headed by Mr. Surendra Mohan, its servetary-general, said, leaving only 12 for the CFD instead of the 20 originally agreed. They had named common candidates for

Apparent Giscard snub to Soviet dissident

Paris, Feb 21.—Mr Andrei Amalrik, the exiled Soviet dissident who was apparently rebuffed in his attempt to meet President Giscard d'Estaing about political repression in the Soviet Union today refused to

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rank.

After arriving from Holland on Sunday, Mr Amalrik said that he hoped to meet the President but that he had President but that he had received no reply to a telegram he sent asking for an appointment. Instead, he was asked today to meet M Francis Beauchateau, a French official who is helping to arrange this summer's Belgrade conference about the implementation of the Helsinki human rights accords. The Elysée Palace refused to say whether the President had refused to meet Mr Amarik.

refused to meet Mr Amalrik, bur observers said that the dissident would not be received by him. If M Giscard d'Estaing received Mr Amalrik, according to the observers, he would be putting a higher priority on human rights than on the principle of non-interference in the affairs of another nation and the policy of détente.-AP.

MOSCOW: Mrs Lyudmila Alexeyeva, a member of the unofficial group monitoring Soviet implementation of the Helsinki agreement, will leave the Soviet Union tomorrow to settle in the United States, dissident sources said here

today.

Although she is not Jewish. the former historian in a publishing house, has received a visa for Israel for herself, her husband, and her son. She has already bought airline tickets

and her first stop will be Vienna, the sources said. She is one of the original 12 members of the surveillance group. Mr Yuri Orlov, its chairman, and Mr Alexander Cinchang analysis of the said Soviet Union, today refused to see a French official of lower rank.

After arriving from Holland on Sunday, Mr Amalrik said

today severely criticized by the press as "people who wish Poland all the worst". The newspaper Trybuna Ludu said: "In their interest is the weakening of our country and the undermining of the prestige of

the authorities". The newspaper said that in view of the forthcoming Belgrade conference, the bourgeois press was attempting to create an atmosphere that would be "the least clement for the con-structive proposals of socialist

nations.
"It tries to accuse them of attempting to extort political profits from the Helsinki agreements", it added, claiming that Poland had become one of the targets of those attacks. Vienna: Forty Bulgarian dissident intellectuals were ques-tioned and 14 of them detained in mid-January as copies circu-lated in Sofia of a French newspaper reprinting the text of the Czechoslovak Charter 77 human rights manifesto, an Austrian newspaper said today. It was not clear whether they were still under arrest.

Frankfurt: Heinrich Günter Grass and other German speaking authors appealed to-day to the Czechoslovak general prosecutor to release four dissi-dents arrested in January.

Kerala Communists' allies need not be friends

French view issue a nut to Mr Fahmi

reement Feb 21.-Mr Cyrus Cairo, Feb 21.-M de Guiringaud, the French Foreign Minister, said in Cairo today that the Middle East crisis could d at the end of a our of the Middle not be settled without a just solution of the Palestinian question, according to Egyptian nat no progress had in the key issue of representation at a

Foreign Ministry sources. He told Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, that France regarded the Palestinian issue as the crux of the Middle East problem.

M de Guiringaud has already

visited Lebanon, Syria and Jor-dan to discuss the role France and other eWst European countries can play in reaching a Middle East peace settlement. Mr Fahmi told him that Israel was trying to obstruct peace efforts by objecting to the par-ticipation of the Palestine Liberation Organization at a resumed peace conference in Geneva. according to the He reiterated his view sources. He reiterated his view that EEC countries should also

beliefs. When nominations closed on Thursday, there were 120 candidates for the 20 seats, though some will undoubtedly

especially in the urban areas where the concentration of population is high—in old Cochin, the highest in India. Life is hard but leisurely in these tropical parts and the only person in a hurry seems to be the rickshaw man unwilling to lose his momentum.
Unemployment is a long

standing problem and accounts for the success of the Com-munists here. This is the only store in India with a Com-munist Chief Minister, Mr Achutha Menou, leader of the Kerala Communist Party of India (CPI).

In this state, the CPI is allied for electoral purposes with Mrs Gandhi's Congress withdraw.

This is lush agricultural country. It grows rice, tea, it is going it alone. The rationatumin, pepper and exports them from the developing port of Cochin which is the hope for a prosperous future.

This is lush agricultural opposition while in yet others it is going it alone. The rational given by CPI leaders for this bewildering conflict of alliances is that the party will join hands with those parties which they consider are fight-Party; in some other states it which they consider are fight-

ing reaction. The CPI in Kerala has formed an electoral front with Janatfa, the main line-up of the opposition led by Mr Morarji Desai. The dictum is that allies do not have to be friends, but enemies of the same enemy.,

The most interesting candidate in this state is Mr George Verghese, who has been nominated for his home town. Though born in Kerala, he has lived here so little as to be unable to speak the local Malayalam dialect, which may

From William Frankel
Cochin, Kerala, Feb 21
The state of Kerala in the deep south of India sends 20 second Communist, Mr E, M. S. Nambel adviser and resigned to become editor of the Hindustran Times, from which he was oriented while the CPM, closer than any other Indian state, for reasons closer to personal power politics than political beliefs. When nominations by the opposition parties.

Slogans are already appearing on walls. Where the local party activist has not yet thought of a slogen, he has scrawled "Booked for..." with the party's initials. Judging from the slogans

and speechés here Congress supporters are pushing the party's record in office and the stability they offer, while the opposition concentrates on attacking the emergency and Mr Sanjay Gandhi.

"Sanjayane Venda" (We don't want Sanjay) is a popular inscription. The prime Minister's son, by the way, has never visited here. The Chief Minister said he would refuse to received him and so he did nut come.

But this is a long way from Delhi and the masses here are less interested in these remote subjects than with high prices they vote "against the Govern-and continuing unemployment. ment" they should be able to This is the state which strengthen their position.

the highest concentration of Christians. Both sides are wellorganized and the election is likely to be fairly conducted.
With its large funds, the
Congress Party will be able to
provide cars to bring voters to
the poll, but only in those areas where its voters live. It is well aware of the canny voter who drives in a Congress car but votes for the opposition. In many areas where the distance is too great to make walking popular, getting voters to the polling station will determine the result.

The opposition here is more united than at the election in 1971 and partly compensates for its lack of resources by enterprise. One candidate who has been mayor of Cochin for 25 years and left the Congress Party in 1972 after 44 years membership is standing for the Janata Party. I doubt if he really believes his statement to me that the pro-Congress forces will be defeated in

Kerala. But there is discontent here and if the opposition can remove fears among the lagers of furure reprisals if

Romanian civil rights man to meet party official

From Dessa Trevisan

Bucharest, Feb 21 Mr Paul Goma, the Rumanian dissident writer, has been invited to meet Mr Cornell Burtika, a member of the Politburo and No 2 in the Romanian hierarchy, in what seems to be a attempt by the Government to reach some un-derstanding the the principal and best-known protagonist of Romania's human rights cam-

The meeting will be held tomorrow at the party head-quarters and will be attended by Mr Nicolne Breban, another writer and a friend of Mr Goma, who has acted as a go-between. The decision, which is imprecedented, could not have been taken without President Ceaucascu's consent. Half an hour before he received the invitation, Mr Goma was still complaining of harassment which, however, was eased today though his

telephone was still being cut off whenever the caller wished

to express sympathy.

Mr Goma said that he had received at least 100 calls and that despite police surveillance a few people came to his door expressing the wish to sign the letter campaigning for human rights. He said that he himself was beginning to feel con-cerned by the response to his appeal and claimed that several workers wished to join his cam-

paign.
The Government's decision to talk with Mr Goma, suggests a wish to end the matter as quickly as possible In fact the Romanian authori-

ties have shown more skill in handling a situation they were not prepared for, than any other East Europeans have done so far. They have issued passports and although Mr Goma was exposed to police harassment, they refrained from hasty detention.

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there are areas of Peking, Feb railways, damaged by the activities of Chiang Ching, Mao
Tse-tung's widow, and her
Observers in Peking see the three accomplices, will need three to five years to recover, the People's Daily said today.

The newspaper blamed "the gang of four" for the present state of the railways. They had "stretched their black tenta-cles over certain important railway departments and madly sabotaged railway transport ...

The gang, whose motto was alleged to be "Better a late profesarian train than a capitalist train on time", had since 1974 turned the railways into "a battlefield" in order to sabotage the national economy, the newspaper said.

The front page article appeared in the wake of yesterday's announcement of the appointment of Mr Tuan Chungar Pally Mills Chungar Chun As President Assad There is no substiing a man face to ooking him in the yi as Railways Minister. is a member of the Central on agriculture, light industry,

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difficulties on the railways as part of the wider economic problems that China is experiencing in industry as well as agriculture. and for which Mao's widow and her associates are widely and officially blamed. The deficiencies of the railways are reported to have affected production in other sectors, particularly coalmin-

The People's Daily, said a conterence had been held in Peking recently to look into the railway's difficulties. The meeting would seem to form part of a general reorganiza-tion of the economy which has been under way since the dis-missal of "the gang of four". Since last December, a series He of conferences have been held

energy conservation, coal and the modernization of the the modernization of the country's defences. Another meeting on industry is to be

held shortly. The main emphasis recently been on the failing railway services. The People's Daily, in eight articles, has examined in turn the situation in eight provinces. In several cases, the newspaper failed to mention that planned objectives had been reached, a plain indication that they had not.

More than 200 people attended the Peking meeting. They included representatives of the Cantral Railway Office, as well as delegates from the provinces, the party, the Government and the Army.

Mr Chi Teng-kwei, Deputy Prime Minister, addressed the conference. The delegates were received by Chairman Hua and high party officials.—Agence France-Presse.

Pakistan's opposition

leader of the opposition Paki-stan National Alliance, has banned radio and television correspondents and cameramen from covering the alliance's public meetings and other functions.

At the end of a 10-hour procession along a 15-mile route watched by an estimated 1,500,000 people in Karachi yesterday he accused the state-owned radio and television of misreporting and misrepresen-

If radio and television repre-sensatives continued to cover opposition meetings after his warning they alone would be responsible for the conse-quences, he said. In an appeal to the press, the air marshal, who is leading the movement

against Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, in the present election campaign, asked for adequate, accurate news coverage of the huge procession.

Air Marshal Asgher Khan said that so far as he was con-cerned every alliance candidate in Karachi stood elected. Any result contrary to this would not be accepted by the opposi-

Karachi: In a three-hour rampage in the Sind city of Hyderabad yesterday, repre-sentatives of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party escorted by police shot and wounded several people, two opposition politicians claimed today. Election offices of the Paki-stan National Alliance were destroyed and opposition flags torn down, according to Mob-mud Azam-Farooqu, and Mr

Iftikhar Ahmed-Reuter.

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Britain ready to open talks on Falklands sovereignty

From Andrew Tarnowski Buenos Aires, Feb 21 For the first time in the long

dispute over the Falkland Islands, Britain today declared its willingness to discuss the question of sovereignty with the Argentine Government.

This was revealed in a state-ment handed to reporters travelling with Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, shortly after he returned to Argentina from a five-day visit to the Falklands.

It said the sovereignty issue, which Argentina has pressed since 1833, would have to be discussed in any formal negotiations between the two countries concerning the political and accompanie forms of the and economic future of the

The British statement was issued in the southern town of Comodoro Rivadavia where Mr Rowlands and his party landed in an Argentine Air Force aircraft on their way back to Buenos Aires.

Somali envoy is asked about detained Briton By Our Diplomatic Staff

Thee Somali Ambassador was Thee Somali Ambassador was yesterday summoned to the Foreign Office and asked to make known the whereabouts of Miss Jane Wright, aged 20, one of four people held after their yacht ran aground near a Societ naval installation on the Somali coast in Decembe The ambassador was told of thee Government's concern at the continuing lack of information about a United Kingdom national."

Premier holds Colombo talks with Tamil MPs

From Our Correspondent Colombo, Feb 21

Mrs Sirimayo Bandaranaike, the Sri Lanka Prime Minister, today held discussions lasting three hours with 21 MPs of the Tamil United Liberation From and other Tamil parties.
The general secretary of the front said that they did not wish to have a confrontation with the Government at the present stage and were prepared to accept an interim political agreement. Accord-ing to official sources, it was decided to have further discussions on a number of important points.
Colombo, Feb 21.—The six universities closed indefinitely last November after student

violence, reopened today, university authorities said. The closure came after dis-turbances and strikes at two universities.
Long queues of patients formed outside Colombo's 11 hospitals today as about 1,000 doctors resumed an indefinite work to rule campaign to press demands for better working conditions and a system for leave abroad to study.—Reuter.

Battered bodies found on farm

Gympie, Queensland, Feb 21.—A man of 38 was charged today with the murder of three teenagers and a girl of three whose battered bodies were found in a farmyard near Gym-

pie.
They had apparently been killed with farm tools. Multiple injuries had so far hindered identification. The area was searched for a 35-year-old woman who, the police said, might be dead, injured or have fled in panic.—Reuter.

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whites are frequently called.
There has been a great deal
of intermarriage. Maoris are
well represented in the public service and in the upper ranks of the armed services, not too badly in medicine, and more thinly in the legal profession. They have excelled at the pearances can be ball. George Nepia, the great full back of the 1920s, remains ings, the largest a folk hero. At no after the wars of the 1860s, have the Maoris been widely

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great people. Lazy, of course.
They do well in jobs requiring
a lot of team work and are great at working heavy machinery. They are happy-go-lucky people, will not save money and are bad at paying bills. But they are good friends in time of need."

Mr Dansey believes that because there is so much shared experience, acceptance of the concept of equality, family links and close association in work, sport and military service, many white New Zealanders consider they know the Maoris very well. In fact, their ignorance of Maori values is profound. of deeper

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sey believes that Maoris of his he age (he is approaching 60) rather than as Pakeha.

The racial prejudice, he says, is generally mild and not translated into action. Most often it takes the form of patronizing attitudes on the lines of: "The Maoris are great people law of course."

Sey believes that Maoris of his age (he is approaching 60) view her with much respect where with much respect venerated Queen Victoria for the treaty of Waitangi in 1840, under which they ceded on the the treaty of waiting in load, oris are under which they ceded course sovereignty to the British requiring Crown for the protection of and are British Law, and permanent heavy rights of ownership to traditional lands and fisheries.

Some of this land was taken away as punishment for the subsequent wars, causing bit-terness and problems to this day. There is a dispute at present about a piece of public the Government wants to sell for housing, and which a group of Maoris claim should be

But in general, successive governments have been helping Maoris to develop their land, and the Queen benefits from their continued respect for in-

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Feb 21 Air Marshal Asghar Khau,

and great personal charm

Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minister, led tributes to Mr Anthony Crosland, Secretary of rate for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, who died on Saturday. Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab) said he was a major political figure of the present generation gifted beyond the reach of many. I had hoped (he said) that those gifts would be available for many years to come in the service of his come to the service of his

country and party.

As in the case of our former colleague, Mr Isin Macleod, who died shortly after becoming Chan-died shortly after becoming Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, it is espe-cially hard to bear when men of distinction and with more work to do are cut off. They are a loss generally to the House of Commons and generally to us as a whole, wherever we may at in this House, and to the political life of our country.

I shared a small part in Anthony

Crosland's life, since I first mer him at Oxford University 30 years ago. He entertained me in his rooms then and told me of his wish to become a Labour candidate. University was not a world with which I was particularly acquainted and I could not help noticing his particular manner. I asked him how he would go down in politics and if he would feel at home away from the atmosphere of Oxford.

I then had a first task of that

I then had a first task of that to the had a life task of that about him of which we quickly got to know when he brushed my remark aside and left me in no doubt about what he wanted to do. He attracted the attention of people of more importance than I, especially Hugh Dalton, one of whose great contributions was the attractance of values people. waste great continuous was me encouragement of young people. It was Daston who helped him secure the seat at South Gloucestershire and when he came here to the House of Commons he soon make his mark. He would make his mark here he would make penetrating. critical yet annusing speeches, espe-cially on economic matters and even Stafford Cripps, often the object of his criticism, would un-

freeze a little as he listened to some of his strictures. But his interests were not limited to economics. We were both delegates to the Council of Europe at Strasbourg and we warched, as young men, the great figures of Europe, occasionally being allowed to join in there was one historic day when we watched the German delegates march into the chamber for the first time. It was a great day of reconciliation which I think those of us present will not forget. III not forget

He and I shared many of the delights of exploring Alsace, drinking wine in great quantities, and walking in the mountains around A few years later he produced The Future of Socialism. It was

A few years later he produced The Future of Socialism. It was wide raging, controversial, and pungent. All the things he was. It was a major work discussed and argued about by many young people in the Labour Party and beyond for many years.

The arguments were fierce but fley never descended to personal attacks on him. He combined physical courage, mental toughness, ical courage, mental toughness, and great personal charm. Although he carried with him the sura of a university don, even into never resented. On the contrary it was a characteristic greeted with affectionate amusement.
In Grimsby they knew him for

what he was and when he insisted on watching Match of the Day on Saturday mights they knew it was not an act. He really wanted to see In the past 10 months he had

applied himself with ever increas-ing zest to the great issues of foreign affairs and it is not a month ago, in his capacity as President of the Council of Minisresident of the contain of himself as the made a generally acknowledged outstanding speech to the European Assembly setting out his views on the way the EEC should develop and how Britain would try to conduct the period of the present presidency.

the present presidency.

When the blow which took him from us fell, he was working on the next steps to be taken to achieve a peaceful settlement based on majority rule in Rhodesia thile trying to secure a future for

he minority.

For me, personally, I have lost a leeply valued friend and for his deeply valued friend and for his wife the loss is infinitely greater. All his friends who knew him felt that it was fortunate that he met and married her when he did. Their marraige has been a true partnership of loyalty and affec-

All of us here, immersed as we are in politics, know more than others perhaps how much those things mean to us, the support of a

devoted partier.

The House will juin me in sending to Susan Crosland and her family our sympathy, and also our especial thanks to her, for her support of him.

Mr William Whitelaw, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C), on behalf of Mrs Margaret Thauther, who was in Northern Ireland, he would like to associate Conservative MPs with the believe which the Prime Mints. the tribute which the Prime Minister had so movingly and under-standingly paid to the late Anthony

Crosland.
On occasions such as this the House showed that valuable spirit of corporate unity which lay behind all their arguments and disagreements. They all left that they had lost an outstanding colleague who, particularly through his intellectual qualities and his style, made a great contribution to their affairs.

The Government and the Labour Party had suffered one of those tragic losses of which perhaps they had too many in recent years. The Prime Minister had generously referred to the case of Isin Macleod, so very closely related to this one. A leading statesman and politi-

cian has been taken suddenly from us (be said) at a time when he had much still to give to the service of the nation. No doubt we all feel that such acts of fate are thoroughly perverse, but we also know that they are the inevitable hazards of our mortal lives which we have to endure.

Tony Crosland gave us a clear example of the qualities of resi-lience which is required on such occasions, and so we go forward now to face the tasks ahead encowaged by the memory of his achievements, but as we do so we pause for a moment to express

perately sudden tragedy she has faced with such obvious decision

and courage. Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L), said that the death of Anthony Crosland was without question a grievous loss to the Government and to the whole f politics. He had shown that he was an exceptionally able minister in all four departments over which he held sway. The Commons and public life had lost someone of exceptional quality, with vision

and impact.

I chose the word impact the said) because that was what he had on all of us who had the opportunity to have had private discussion, or listening to him or reading what he wrote. he made impact through his book. That work had an impact on a whole generation of undergraduates outside the confines of the Labour Party. Looking back over the past 20 years it was difficult to think of any commandia.

the past 20 years it was different to think of any comparable work which had had a comparable im-pact on a whole generation of people interested about the future of the country. He was concerned with things other than the material things in life as was shown in the last sen-tence of the book he wrote: " We tence of the book he wrote: "We do not want to enter an age of abundance only to find that we have lost the values that can teach us how to enjoy them".

Much had been written and spoken about the strain on politicians and ministers, He did not want to add to that, but Susan

Crosland, particularly in these last few days, set a wonderful and Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat) said that all parties in the House would feel diminished by the passing of Anthony Cros-land. He and his party and the United Ulster Unionist Coalition and Plaid Cymru wished to be associated with the cilibrate associated with the tributes.

Mr George Strauss (Lambeth, Vauxball, Lab), father of the House, said that he recalled Mr Crosland's arrival as an MP. He soon acquired all the qualities which turned him into an able, efficient, and likable parliamentarian and criticism that he was too light-hearted for the place quickly disappeared. too light neared.
quickly disappeared.
Although he had often felt pas-

sionately on matters and on social, issues, his approach was often an intellectual rather than an emoformal one.

Perhaps his major contribution
to public affairs lay outside rather
than inside the House, His book
The Future of Socialism, had had a
profound effect on the thinking of
the young and of all social democrats in Britain. It had influenced
the political scare more than any zional one.

the political scene more than any other post war political book. In that and in his lectures, he had argued that priority should be given to the human rather than the economic side of socialism. By his death Parliament has lost (he said) a cultured, civilized man, a political philosopher whose in-stincts were devoted to radical

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C) said that he came from Grimsby and fought Mr Cros-land in the 1866 election. Mr Crosland had been a man who cared about people, about ordinary people, and ordinary and simple problems.

Proved and probable oil and gas reserves should last into 1990s

Asked until what year North Sea reserves would enable the United Kingdom to be self-sufficient in oil The Brown Book, when published later this year, will show a shift, as there was last year, in the and gas, Dr J. Dickson Mabon, Minister of State for Energy, said: Our proved and probable reserves should last into the 1990s recoverable reserves as distinct Mr Greville Jamer (Leicester, West, Lab)—When does he con-sider we are likely to be self-suffi-cient in oil? And can be indicate

sufficiency depends on the scale of reserves still to be discovered and Dr Mabon-We are on target with our aim to be self-sufficient in the How far-does he believe selfcalendar year 1980. On the value of the oil in that year, I would have to consult Opec. last? To what extent will he eusure that the benefits of this

self-sufficiency are not frittered away in future years by extrav-Dr Mabon later told Mr. Andrew Bowden (Brighton, Kemptown, C):
Our first objective is to get selfsufficiency. The Government will
have to make a decision on depletion and other policies quite soon. Dr Mabon (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab)—The last point is tween 3,000 million tons and 4,500 million tons which shows the wide Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab)—We would not be allowed to join Opec within the range involved in trying to assess

this Government will wish to charge the same prices as the Opec

Dr Mabon-We do not have to join a body to consult it. But it is fair to say that though we do not have necessarily to reflect Opec's oil charges, they are bound to be a factor in deciding this country's economic wellheing. Mr Hamish Gray, an Opposition

spokesman on energy (Ross and Cromarty, C)—To try to extend the period of self-sufficiency there is a strong case for the Govern-ment to look again at the treatment of marginal fields. Dr Mabon-Under present legisla

tion we have not received any cases where we have not been able to look favourably on the question. But this does concern us and ha agitated us. If we have any specific evidence of any one of these prob-lems, we will consider it.

Composition of new energy commission

The proposed energy commission should not be over-represented by trade union leaders, but should become a genuine energy forum for proposals on energy strategy and advice to the Government. Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derbyshire, Lab) and the strategy and southern the strategy an Lab) said at question time.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy (Bristol, South-East, Lab), said: It is intended that ssion should be a body of people of whom the majority would be made up of those with a direct role in the industry on the management and the trade union

Inevitably the Government must is the key question in energy. Therefore, the commission cannot be an executive body. My intention is that it should bring together those people on the side of management and the trades unlons Mr Tom King, chief Opposition of labour.

industry involved in Sea? This is importan requirement of the G that a further addition union representative is the commission as well the oll interests has mucl. product of my prefere that it is the miners w coal and are the people

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in the industry. On the National Eco velopment Council, the tion of which has beof capital and labour o basis has long been ac would be ludicrous to tr the strategy for Briti

Safety of nuclear power plant systems

Overseas business was an impor-tant factor that must be taken into account in decisions on nuclear policy, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secre-tary of State for Energy, said. Mr Stephen Bastings (Mid Bed-fordshire, C) had asked what fordshire, C) had asked what measures Mr Benn intended to take to enable the United Kingdom could give (he added) would be to take a firm decision on the future nuclear reactor, which surely should have been taken many years

at least. The exact period of self-

lepietion policy during the 1980s.

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex,

sufficiency in oil particularly, will

the Government's licensing

agant Government spending?

debatable. But our estimate is be-

ago. Is it not now far too late to go over to the light water reactor if we are to have any success in the export markets? If this is so, surely the Government have a duty to lay down a firm policy ani stick to it without the risk of changes for a substantial number of years. Mr Benn—I appreciate the point about a firm policy. He is asking the Government to reopen the firm decision taken in 1974 and the Government should be reluctant to

change their view on something so fundamental and long term as the nuclear thermal reactor system. The Atomic Energy Authority have asked me to look at it again. I have asked the nuclear inspectorate to look at the three systems—the pressurized water reactor, the advanced uss cooled reactor, and the SGHWR reactor. I hope to announce a decision some time later this year.

Mr Tom King, chief Opposition spokesman on energy (Bridgwater, C).—That is no answer at all. He was asked what measures is he taking. Is it not the case that he has no measures to announce?

The nuclear power industry is in a demoralized state and unless there is some policy soon there will be no industry for which answers will be relevant.

Mr Benn-I think he is exaggeratmr seng—I make he is exaggrating the position. I did announce that we were asking the inspectorate to report on the safety of the three systems. I am sure the House would not expect me to adopt a system that had not been approved.

Impact of early

Lab), said.
Selby was expected to produce eight million tons a year by then and to reach full production a

couple of years later.

Previous estimates for annual output in the intervening years (he added) are being reassessed in the light of the agreement on early retirement for mineworkers and would be influenced by any introcouple of years later. duction of an incentive schem when pay policy permits.

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Health, said in a written reply: I shall shortly issue fresh guidance to health authorities on measures to limit and discourage smoking in hospitals and other

Soft drink prices

received the report from the Frice Commission on the price of soft

Government attacked over market facilitie

Traders and tenants believed there was overstaffing of the new Covent Garden Market, Mr Michael Jopling, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Westmorland, C) said, during the report stage of the Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill.

He moved a new clause (Report on inspection and evaluation of use of manpower) providing that at least once in each five-year period the minister should carry our a suff inspection and evaluation of the use of manpower by the Covent Garden Authority, after which a resume of the report would be published in the authority's annual

the minister by the staff inspection and evaluation branch of the Civil Service Department and in this staff reductions were suggested in the administrative and market staff. He asked how determined the Government were that the sug-gested reductions should take Mr John Wells (Maidstone, C) said

that as recently as last week there had been allegations about over-staffing of the market.

Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Edinburgh, East, Lab), said the overall conclu-sion of the Civil Service Department report on the activities of the authority was that there was no significant overmanning or general inefficiency operations. in the authority's

There were grounds for believing further economies could be made. He was convinced they could have full confidence in the Authority's ability to secure any economies manpower which were possible.

It would be wrong to suggest that any body other than the authority was responsible for achiev-ing reductions in staff. To write into legislation that there should be a regular investigation would be undermining the position of the authority and would be inappropriate.

To write in this five yearly requirement would impose an un-

requirement would impose an un-necessary rigidity.

The Government would not hesitate to invite the Civil Service Department to investigate these operations if there was the sligh-test saggestion that would be help-ful and would bring to light any information which would be useful to the authority of the Govern-ment.

Mr Strang moved an amendment to Clause 1 (Reduction in the debt of the Covent Garden Market Auth-

included in the accounts of the authority but in such a way that the form of balance sheet did not give an over pessimistic view of the authority's position. That would be paradoxical and dis-couraging to the authority and everyone concerned with. It was a fairly technical accountancy mat-

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Camden, Hampstead, C), for the Opposi-tion, said they welcomed the amendment. In committee they had felt that the matter of the debt was being slid through the accounts merely in a small footnote. The minister had sent an example of look and it was clear to anyone that there was a fairly heavy sus-pended loan still outstanding. The amendment was agreed to.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South, Lab) moved an amendment to Clause 2 (Disposal of some of the authority's assets), which would except those whose disposal would prejudice the movement of goods to and from the market by

He said that when proposals for the new market were put to the traders the availability of rail and wharf facilities had been major selling points. The railway lines were no longer at Nine Elms, but if they were put back it would do away with the need to move goods on to lorries at Hither Green, Stratford and Paddock Wood raijway stations. The use of the rail-way and of the wharf would be in line with the Government policy of moving freight off the roads where possible.

Mr Alan Lee Williams (Havering, Hornchurch, Lab) said pretty firm undertakings, or at least under at the new site. It appeared there had been a deception on this. I have been authorized to say (he said) on behalf of the Transport and General Workers' Union that they feel there has been a serious breach of faith here. They would like the Government to restore many of the promises that were made about the use of riverside facilities.

Mr Edward Bishop, Minister of State, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Newark, Lab), said the amendment would not, among other things, achieve retention of land suitable for rail or river access if the authority held land of this land but were to conclude that this kind but were to conclude that

tion over them. The authority had hoped that a river terminal could be provided and pursued the matter, particu-larly in 1968 with the Freight slogs were not in favour of exploring further the possibility of a riverhead on land expected then to come into the authority's ownership, as it subsequently did. Points were made about the un-suitability of the site, for instance. There was no indication that any union representatives differed from their colleagues on the group's conclusions. Since their there seem to have been no Lew developments sufficient to alterthose conclusions. Horticultural produce imported into the Port of London was much less than it was and the costs of a riverhead would

amendment would restrict only the

minister's reserve power of direc-

have to be spread over a smaller volume of traffic. The use of the riverside strip of The use of the riverside strip of land owned by the authority was under a planning inquiry. The authority wanted planning permission for housing development there and had stated it would not be practicable nor viable to have a riverhead. The inquiry would

The land suitable for a railhead terminal at the market was in possession of British Rail and a decision in favour of building a railhead rested on its economic viability. This was still being explored.

explored.

Mr Peter Parker, British Rail Chairman, had told him that they had not identified sufficient potential to justify investment by me board in rail terminal facilities and, more significantly, that they had yet to establish that within the existing and foreseeable competive situation with private road hauliers there was sufficient regular volume of traffic to enable hadiers there was surricent regu-lar volume of traffic to enable them to cover their operational costs in the running of a private railhead if it were built. They could not, at this stage, at any rate, guarantee to service any railhead. British Rail were bolding the site available while the authority continued consideration of whether or not to develop it as a orivate railhead. ivate railhead. The door is not shut (he said) on

The door is not saut (he sain) on the possibility of a railhead:

The amendment was negatived.

Mr Edward Bisbop, moving the third reading of the Bill, said although the authority were deeply in debt to the country and the taxpayer both sides of the House

able achievement and given by their traders fully moving the country wholesale horticultura had provided great opportunities for central in recognition of the tion on such a scale ing that the market's would cover its running was a reasonable expen Government, users of t would have the opportu

ority and those who cerned with transport. Bridsh Rail, would be many of the points debates in the House. Mr Jopling said the hoped that the Bill woul had been one of frequen

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There was an unfortur and penants. It was no iob in difficult circumst have something to do se that there were propo-discussed that the tens-raise £500,000 a year to j

Inadequate stocks of smokeless fuel

There were 3,700,000 tons of solid smokeless fuels, including those smokeless ruels, likitiding filode for industrial use but excluding those held by merchants in the United Kingdom, in stocks at December 31, 1976, the latest date for which figures were available, Mr. Alexander Eadie, Under Secretary for Energy, stated.

Sir John Langford-Holt (Shrews-bury, C)—In the view of the Government are these figures ade-quate and if they are, why cannot my constituents get any? Mr Eadie (Midlothian, Lab)-No. we do not regard them as adequate. There has been difficulty in relation to supplies but the NCB-hope to have the Bettws drift mine in operation by April, 1978, and it will produce about 500,000 tons of sufficiency a very

othracite a year. In addition the board is seeking permission to open new opencast mines from which it is estimated that another 700,000 tons of excellent quality anthracite could be extracted from the day of authori-

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C)—On February 9 he told me there had been 26 explosions since last September involving im-ported anthractic. From which country or countries is this dangerous fuel coming and can be confirm that the reason is unex-ploded detonstors made from alu-minimum or non-ferrous meal in the cargo which cannot be detected by mormal means? Mr Radie—I will write to him. We are looking at this matter.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30; Debate on timetable
on Scotland and Wales Bill.
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Crown Agents and the Stern Group stopped them taking the necessary

Close Community watch

on any aid to Uganda

Creditors of the Stern Group were not precluded from taking pro-ceedings in their capacity as per-sonal creditors of William Stern, Mr Frank Judd, Minister of Over-seas Development, said.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) had asked whether the minister would instruct the Crown Agents to take the necessary proceedings, in their capacity as a creditor to the Stern Group, to institute bankruptcy proceedings against William Stern. Mr Judd (Portsmouth, North, Lab)—Proceedings have already been taken by another creditor. It

is, therefore, unnecessary for the Crown Agents to do so. Mr Skinner—The Stern Group crashed owing £110m. According to The Sunday Times a few weeks ago, the Bank of England leaned on one other firm of creditors and

The Government, together with their European partners, would keep under close review the ques-tion of aid to Uganda, Mr Frank Judd, Minister for Overseas De-velopment (Portsmouth, North, Lab), said.

Mr Geoffrey de Freitas (Kettering, Lab) asked: On Wednesday in Brussels at the European Parlia-

ment's committee on overseas development, there will be criticism of governments which fall to doverything they can to prevent any Community country being represented at any Lome conference in

Will Mr Judd assure us that we will do everything we can to pre-vent conferences like this being held in Uganda so that I may be better able to defend the Governaction.

We cannot be sure that Keysur Unimann will take the necessary action in the end and since the Crown Agents are one of the 32 creditors, they should do the decent thing and file the bank-ruptcy claim. Mr Judd—It was the judgment of the majority of the orker way.

the majority of the other creditors, with which the Crown Agents con-curred, that there was a better chance of recovering their funds by an orderly rundown of the companies involved.

This does preclude them putting any of the companies of which they are creditors into liquidation, but it does not preclude them from taking proceedings in their capacity as personal creditors of William Stern. They have specifically refused to settle with him by way

Mr Judo-There is no question of any EEC ministers attending a con-ference in this connexion in

spokesman on foreign affairs (Horncastle, C)—In the light of recent events to Uganda, will consideration be given to the privileges at present enjoyed by Uganda under the Lome convention, and will this be a matter for discussion?

discussion?

Mr Judd—Community aid to Uganda is a multilateral matter and a subject for the Community. as a whole. It is distinct from United Klugdom bilateral aid to Uganda, which has ceased. Only one small EDF project has been approved in Uganda.

We shall for our part keep the matter under close review together.

matter under close review together

retirement on coal output

The recently published tripartite report Coal for the future reendorsed the target for colliery production of 120 million tops in 1985, Mr Alexander Eadie, Under Secretary for Energy (Midlothian,

Wir Edwin Wainwright (Dearne Valley, Lab)—In the next decade or so demand for energy is bound to exceed supplies. Would be meet the National Union of Mineworkers as quickly as possible to discuss the tuture of the industry and to ensure increases produced by new investment and other methods? Mr Eadle-The NUM and the NCB have a working party looking into production and it will be reporting shortly. In relation to early retire-ment, the union and the board are conscious that we will need to enhance the training scheme in order to deal with that.

Smoking curbs

Mr Robert MacLennan, Under Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, said in a written repu-that the Secretary of State had now

Statement soon on suits from East Europe The Government were well our producers signification of the deficiency of the disruption. We are now MFA which did not provide adea a new safeguarding in quate protection for the domestic allow the introduction of been restrictions on import of suits from Eastern Europe on undergardatas protection for the domestic industry during a recession. Long-term growth prospects seemed less rosy than when the MFA was negotiated. The 6 percent minimum growth rate was far-

the Department of Trade's investi-gation into the price of suits from Eastern Europe which should east substantially the concern of the British ciothing industry will be made within the next week, Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Trade (Oldham, West Lab), said during a debate on textiles. Moving that the House took nots of 17 EEC documents relating to trade agreements between the EEC and the rest of the world on tex-tiles, fibres and clothing, he said most of those documents related to the blisteral agreements which the SEC had concluded under Article Four of the Gatt multifibre

The present multifibre agreement covered not only cotton, but man-made fibres and knitwear. One of its principal objectives was to ensure the orderly development of international trade in rextiles. A balance had to be struck between the importing and supplying coun-Under the MFA the EEC had

Under the MFA the EEC had signed, on behalf of all member countries, 13 bilateral agreements with India, Pakistan, Hongkong, Macao, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Maita, Brazh, Colombia Egypt, Yugoslavia and Romania, and unilateral restrictions had been imposed on Taiwan, which was not a signatory of the MFA. The agreements meant that they could restrict imports of sensitive products from all the main low-cost suppliers. The agreements involved 89 quotas covering threevolved 89 quotas covering three-quarters of the imports from the countries concerned.
Most of those allowed Britain to maintain previous quotas on cotton

products and to extend them to other fibres and knitwear. In terms of cover, the textile industry enjoyed a greater degree of protection than in the past. They were ready to consider selective action where justified.

ments and pyjamas from China. In the latter case they had introduced a control where there was a contract for more than one million pieces in train, before the industry itself had noticed that there was a problem.

The fact that a quantity restriction existed did not prevent the Goyernment from taking action where they were satisfied that goods were coming in at dumped

prices.

During the last few months (he said) the department has been investigating the price of suits from Fastern Europe at the request of the clothing manufacturers' federa-tion. This is one of the most com-

plex cases we have had to deal with for a long time. Six countries are involved and the range of materials and styles is very large. It makes it dithcult, within the restrictions of the legislation. to effect a case which will, if necessary, stand up in court. If necessary, stand up in court.

I am happy to say that we are in the ultimate stages of the investigation and are on the point of concluding discussions with the exporting countries. I hope to be in a position to make an announcement within the next week which will substantially ease the concern of our clothing industry.

Within the framework of the MFA and outside it, we have done more than most people recognize to protect our industry, but I would be the first to insist, as an MP with a textile industry con-

would be the first to insist, as an MP with a textile industry constituency, that there are no grounds for complacency.

Despite all our efforts, the industry is going through a bad time and is faced with increasing import penetration.

Imports were increasing at a higher rate than domestic con-

higher rate than domestic con-sumption. They could have no complacency about the present sit-

penetration in particular sectors which were unacceptable. Another serious weakness was the base level at which the quota levels were trixed.

The protracted bilateral negotiations between the EEC and the supplying countries had been difficult negotiations which took a long time to complete. During the nego-tiating period trade built up so, that the base levels were fixed at artificially high levels.

too high in relation to the expected growth of the domestic market. They were getting levels of import

Many people felt that the immediate and best answer would be imitation of the kind of action which Canada recently took on clothing impacts. Houseway the thing imports. However, there were significant differences be-tween their situation and Britain's, although he did not rule out such action. There was a considerable degree of protection against a sharp increase in imports through the 13 MFA bilateral agreements. the 13 MFA bilateral agreements.

Another problem regarding the imitation of such action at the present time was the effect this would have on the renegotiations of the multifibre arrangements.

A suitably strengthened MFA would provide the best hope of reconciling the legitimate interests of both importing and exporting countries. This was not just his view but that of the industry.

We intend (he said) to take action which we believe will substantially affect the deficiencies that now exist in the MFA. Our first and major objective is to secure mofification of the MFA which would enable us to protect

allow the introduction of the country of the countr prospects of the dome A further proposal scale to the level production as well as in tration was also being at There was, furthermore sibility of applying low rate to the dominant surstronger developing might be limited to love

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£50,000 for refugees from Rhodesia

Mr Frank Judd, Minister for Over-seas Development, dismissed as un-founded a suggestion that most of the Rhodesian refugees in Mozam-blque were either terrorists in training or people who had been abducted and were being indoc-trinated.

Mr Stephen Hastings (Mid Bed-fordshire, C) had asked how much British public money had been expended to date on Rhodesian refugees in Mozambique and whether the Government in ended to make any further contributions. Mr Judd-Payment of £50,000 has been made to the United Nations' been made to the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees from the special contribution of £100,000 offered for Rhodesian refugees in Mozambique. The balance will be paid from the aid programme for 1977-78.

The question of a further contri-bution will be kept under review.

having regard to the circumstance

Nations High Commissioner.
Mr Hastings—Is it not virtually certain that the vast majority of these so-called refugees are terrorists under training or Rhodesians who have been abducted and the holds indoctring the later. are being indoctrinated? Has any British official been to the camps to check the position?

Le default of precise information, why should the hard pressed British taxpayer be required to subsidize terrorists, and Marxist terrorists at that?

Mr Judd—He has made interven-tions of this kind before in the House which have proved totally unfounded. There is no reason to suppose that any of the remarks he had just made have any foundation in reality. in reality.

Our assistance to refugees is concentrated on agricultural, health
and education requirements and

British officials have

The Rev M. C. Dodd. Team Vicar of Paston, diocese of Peterborough, to be Rector of St Philip and St James's. Hodge Hill, diocese of Birmingham. The Rev J. D. Gelling, Vicar of Kirk Rushon and Rural Dean of Castletown, discose of Sodor and Man, to be priosi-in-charge of Kirk Michael and chaplain to the pro-cathedral at Bishop's Couri, same discose.

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The Rev S. M. Munns, director of community industry in London, to be vicar of 5t Mary's, Knowsley, diocess of Liverpool.

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will be conferred on June 22.
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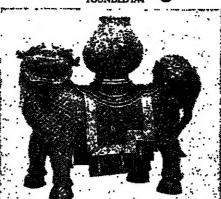
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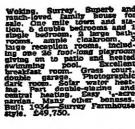
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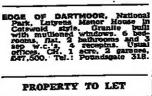


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England expects Young to be fit for duty against Wales

Rugby Correspondent

England's scrum half, Malcolm Young, who left the field with considerable reluctance last Satur-day after a juddering confrontadon with that ample Frenchman, Bastiat, learnt yesterday, after consulting a specialist, that the injury to his nose consists only of a hairline fracture. His club, Gosforth, are hoping that he may be fit to play for them this weekend—although that might be
thought a rather dangerous procedure. He should be ready, anyway, for England's last international match of the season,
against Wales in Cardiff, on Satur-

day week. The side for that will be announced on Thursday morning and, if the selectors were to leave well alone, England would be set well alone, England would be set to complete the championship without using more than 17 players. Neary was recalled for the injured Rafter, in Dublin. Smith replaced Young for the second half against France.

A policy of no change would imply reaffirmation of faith on the part of the selectors that the part of the selectors that Cooper will at last achieve the precise accuracy as a tactical kicker that is demanded of an international stand-off half, and mil bauish the memories of an unhappy game in Cardiff two years ago. In three internationals this season he has made few mistakes with the ball in hand and

achieved many good things when setting up ball for his colleagues or breaking on his own.

Writing as a consistent sup-porter of Cooper's skills and potential, and as one who may be held to have given him a fair run for his money in print, I must say, with the benefit of hindsight, that Old might have been more likely to bring home the English bacon against France. As things turned out, Old's goal kicking alone could have been extremely

handy. Hignell's head inevitably was on the block for the ones he missed though the French kickers, with fewer chances and admittedly at longish range, were no more successful. But England's full back set the tone with an electrifying, one-handed cricketer's catch and the general length and accuracy of his line kicks were testimony to how well he has worked on the one original weakness in his

By another sound all-round performance in the English centre. Corless gave further proof that his talents have been under-estimated (though not of course by the selectors), and Kent's formidable work rate yet again was invaluable. It was Kent, with a timely and accurate pass to Higuell, behind him, that contributed importantly to the move which should have led to a try in the first half.

England forwards, having come to a triumphant peak against France, can sustain it for one last successis playing better, and enjoying his rugby more, than at any time since the Lion's tour of South Africa. The hooker, Wheeler, has refound his sharpest all-round

Tennis

'Whisky'

staggers to

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

The Dewar tennis competition

annual birthday party at the Albert Hall, where a piper in Highland

costume, led the players into battle on the last day. The "whisty" circuit is sur-

The "whisty" circuit is survived by a large, scattered and thriving family; notably the Grand Prix and the World Champlonship Tennis and Virginia Slims tours. Many smaller circuits, too, borrowed from Dewars the concept of a series of tournaments intent by a common nucleus of

linked by a common nucleus of players and a system of points awards which enabled competitors

to qualify for bonuses, show piece

events, or both.

The Grand Prix, inaugurated in

The Grand Prix, inaugurated in 1970, absorbed the Dewar climax in 1972 (the last year in which the "whisky" circuit boasted five tournaments) and gradually sucked the blood out of it. During the past two years Dewars have had only one tournament, though on each occasion it was contested at two different places. In 1976 everything happened in London. This was almost a total reversal of the original policy, which was to provide England, Scotland and Wales with a series of provincial tournaments provid-

scotland and Wates with a series of provincial tournaments providing indoor competition at a time of year when it was lacking—and in places were good quality tennis was something enthusiasts merely read about or watched on telepision

To some extent the Dewar cir-uit—we still think of it in those

the Dewar rournament, though it became little more than a trea-sured British cog in an inter-national wheel. But, even more,

mational wheel. But, even more, we shall mourn the earlier passing of the circuit itself. That had a congenial character and its format meant a great deal to tenuls. It played a pioneering role. For one thing it was the first of its kind. For another, it was a basis for a series of experiments with such things as coloured balls, carpeted courts, and even the composition of the net. All this in addition to its value in providing competition and pushing spectator tenuis into the provinces. The seeds of the 1968 experiment lay in the part played by the Dunlop Sports Company in promoting a variety of British indoor events. Their termis manager, Robert Howe, was ahead of his time in envisaging a coordinated indoor circuit: a scheme which

indoor circuit: a scheme which

in those days was generally considered to be impracticable. But a journalist, Gerald Williams, organized a meeting at which he was joined by Howe, Derek Penman, of the Lawn Tennis Association,

and Jimmy Hill, representing tele-It was from that meeting that the circuit and, eventually the backing of Dewars arose. Howes said yesterday: "It has meant a

sain yesteriay: It has meant a lot to me to be associated with something like this. I spent a great deal of time with it, especially getting all the players for the first three or four years. With the Grand Prix, much of my work was taken away. But this is

Jeremy Bates, Peter Farrell, Smart King and Ian McDougall make up the England under-16 tennis team to compete against Germany and Switzerland in the

European Winter Cup in Berne, Switzerland, on February 26, Z7.

Under-16 team

circuit

a halt

Beaumont, who was dispossessed in the man that preceded the French try only because their pack, going forward, arrived in greater strength, continued to work like a Trojan. He won a full share at the front of the lineout last Saturday, though all the best ball came from Horton, whose virtuals and the strength of the strength o the best ball came from Horton, whose virtues, with those of Cowling, were extelled yesterny. As for the loose two, it is difficult to conceive of such a unit playing a tighter, more effective game. There was Uttley's shrewd control at the back of the scrummage and his ball playing stills tidwing up the

back of the scrummage and his ball-playing skills, tidying up the lineouts. I doubt if Dixon has had a better game for England. Reports from Paris suggest that the French selectors may be contemplating changes at lock and prop for the Scottish game at Part des Princes on March 5. But, thankful to have got the Twickenham encounter out of their systems, they might hope perhaps that the pack which went so well against Wales will recapture spirit and drive on their own pitch. They could also decide that Bertrame is a better right wing than centre.

Miss Colebrook to miss Cosford

By Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent
Katrina Jane Colebrook, who
twice this year has broken the
Commonwealth indoor best for 800
metres, may spurn the smooth
indoor track for the muddy fields
of Stoke next Saturday, and she of Stoke next Saturday, and she will not be taking part in Britain's fourth and final international match of the season, against France at RAF Cosford.

Athletics

Her name appears in the team announced yesterday by the British Amateur Athletic Board, and who were selected before she set her latest record in Dortmund on Satlatest record in Dortmund on Sat-urday, but the selection has been declined. That decision came not from Miss Colebrook but from her mother, ho has an active hand in the coaching of her daughter to the extent of even riding a bicycle alongside her, lighting the way with a torch, during night time training runs in Caister, Lincoln-shire.

David Sunderland, a Cannock coach who also plays a big part in Miss Colebrook's preparation through telephone and letter, has not been keen on her running too many indoor races, and feels that more cross-country work is needed this week. Hence, the possibility of her running instead in the national women's cross-country championships at Stoke-on-Trent. Not that strength is her weakness, if you see what I mean, for in between her two Commonwealth 800 metres records she won the northern counties cross-country \$00 metres records the won the northern counties cross-country sitle on February 12 by 12 seconds. It will be a disappointment to the Cosford spectators, who have had but a couple of tantalizing glimpses of her new high racing level this winter, especially as Mary Stewart will not be running against France either. Miss Stewart, who set a world indoor 1500 metres best on Saturday, wants to be able to enjoy her 21st birthday party on Friday night without the worrying prospect of an international race the next day. Helen Fielon (Portsmouth Atalanata) comes in to partner an international race the next day. Helen Fielon (Portsmouth Atalanata) comes in to partner Cherry Hanson, who distinguished berself in Dortmund with a time which put her second to Miss Stewart on the all time United Kingdom indoor rankings. Kingdom indoor rankings.

Both the other athletes who set British bests last weekend. Sebastian Coe (800 metres) and Aston Moore (triple jump), are included in a team largely unchanged from that which surprised the West Germans by their strength. The French should be easier opponents, and it would be a nice touch to be able to end the international match quartet with a win after a trio of defeats.

Geoffrey Capes, the European

Geoffrey Capes, the European indoor shot put champion, hopes

Four players who reached the

last eight a year ago have not entered for the British open squash rackets championship, to be played at Wembley from March 26 to April 4. Mohibullah, Zaman, Alauddin and Jahan are among the Pakistanis unable to resist the soverment's incistance.

resist the government's insistence that they should avoid tournaments in which they may have to play South Africa. But Pakistanis in the draw are likely to include the brothers Rehmatulah and Amanulah Khan, who hold British bassports.

passports.

The leading Pakistanis have strong family links with their homeland (most of them also have jobs with Pakistan International Airlines) and are naturally reductant to imperit those links by defying their government and their national squash federation. The leading Egyptian professionals are not subject to the same pressure. Their government have a similar policy to that of Pakistan. But the Egyptian SRA are concerned almost exclusively

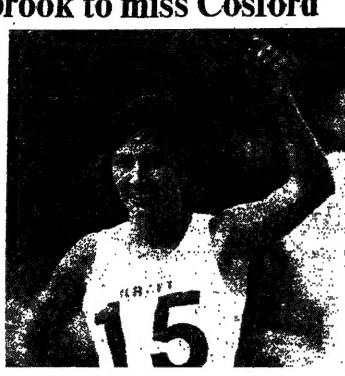
over their leading professionals who all work in Europe. The best of these Safwat, who has won the Bridsh Professional champion

ship for four consecutive seasons, hecame a British citizen earlier this month.

Four leading Pakistanis

will not be at Wembley

Squash Rackets



Mary Stewart: a 21st without thoughts for the morrow.

to be fit enough to return to the side as it will be his last competition before defending that title in San Sebastian next month. Tendon trouble in his fingers forced his late withdrawal from the match against West Germany. Several gaps have been left in the team to be filled later this week. One is for a partner to Jeffrey Gutteridge in the pole vault, for which the selectors will

have to decide between the 1977 national indoor champion, Michael Bull, who holds the British record for the greatest number of international appearances, and Brian Hooper, who holds the United Kingdom outdoor record for the vault. Hooper, who missed the earlier indoor meetings because of a foot injury, was named for Dortmund, but failed to register a clearance there.

60 metres; D. Hill (Thames Valley). L. Huyle (Thames Valley). 400 metres; G. Cohen (Wolverhampton and Bilaton). C. Hamilton (Sale). 800 metres: S. Coe | Loughborough Colleges: J. Goodacre (Notte). 1.500 metres: A. Moltershead (Man-chester), A. Weathorhead (Edin-burgh). 5,000 metres: R. Milne (Notts), R. Smodley (Birchfield), 60 metres hurdies: M. Hatton (Read-ing). I. Ratcliffe (Wolverhampton and Bilston). and Bilston).

4 x 400 metres rolay (from): Cohen,
M. Francis (Berough Road College),
Hamilton, S. Cuity (Loughborough
Hamilton, Chilinghold)
Taplo jump: M. Butterfield (RAF), M.
Naylor (Hillingdon)
Taplo jump: K. Conner (Windsor.

Such players at Safwat, Barrington (Britain), Nancarrow and Hiscoe (Australia) and Watson (South Africa) are likely to be the chief challengers to Hunt (Australia), the holder and world champion. Entries closed yesterday but the Squash Rackets Association, perhaps reluctant to publicise the defections any soon than they must, refused to disclose

licise the defections any soon than they must, refused to disclose details until the draw is made on March 1. The sponsors, Lucas Industries, have committed themselves to a prize fund of £11,500 with a first prize of £1,800.

Heather McKay has been seeded to play Margaret Zachariah in an all-Australian final of the British women's championship, which is to be played at Wembley from February 25 to March 3. Mrs McKay beat Miss Zachariah in the semi-final round of the inaugural world championship, played in Brisbane last August and confirmed that form in the final of the tournament at Edgbaston on Sunday, it was not until a month ago that Mrs

until a month ago that Mrs McKay decided she would attempt to win the British title for the sixteenth consecutive season. The

seedings suggest that the last eight will be: Mrs McKay v Rhonda Shapland (Australia); Susan Cozswell (GB) v Karen Gardner (GB); Teresa Lawes (GB) v Angela Smith (GB) and Irene Hewitt (Ireland) v Miss Zachariah.

Slough and Eton). A. Moore (Birch-field).
Shot: G. Capes (Borough of En/Isid).
M. Winch (Birighton and Hove).
Pole vault: J. Girtteridge (Windsor, Slough and Elon). A. N. Other.

Yomers: S. Colyear (Stretford),
A. N. Other.
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D. mehres hundles: S. Longdon (Essax
Ladies: A. N. Other.
Ob metres: V. Eider (Welverhampton
and Bliston), R. Kennedy (Notts).
O metres: K. Colebrook (Scunthorpe, S. Smith (Cilv of Hgil).
Soo metres: C. Hanson (Dermy and
County), H. Fielen (Portsmouth).
Z. 400 metres (Form): Calyear, Eider,
E. Goddard (Reading), Kennedy, E.
Laddy (Eirchfeld).
Song (ump): Longden, S. C. (Bircheld). High lump: R. Few (Mitcham), B. Gibbs (Leicester Corinthian). Shot: J. Kerr (Mitcham), J. Cakes (Croydon).

Oxford drop one of their

By Jim Railton
Oxford University have not only
changed their order within six changed their order within six days of announcing their crew for the Boat Race (March 19. 1.0), they have also dropped one of their three remaining Blues from the 1976 record-breaking crew. Beak, who was again selected for the bow seat last Wednesday, was dropped over the weekend. His place is taken by the Isis oarsman, Vardey. The bow seat will be occupied by Wright, the youth international and Isis oarsman, in the new line-up, with Vardey taking up the two seat. in the new line-up, with Vardey, taking up the two seat.
While the Chinese celebrated their new year at the weekend, Oxford's dragon float went in search of a new tail. While the Oxford eight breathed fire and brimstone over their London University rivals on the Tideway, their coaches' main concentration was centred always on the bow two seats. Over two days Oxford. was centred always on the bow two seats. Over two days Oxford experimented with three men in two orders of rowing in the bow two seats. The Isls oarsmen, Vardley and Sutton, were given trials, while Beak spent his time rowing with Isls. Oxford were particularly impressive with Vardey at two and Wright in the bow seat, and that probably sealed bow seat, and that probably sealed Beak's fate. But I cannot help feeling that

siderable period that all was not well with the tail of the Oxford boat. With less than four weeks to the Boat Race, the Oxford president, Mason, hopes he has made the right decision in removing one of the three remaining teeth of the crew who became the first to break the 17-minute barrier from Putner to Mortlake. to break the 17-minute barrier from Putney to Mortiake. In the space of 11 minutes of combat consisting of seven pieces ranging from one minute to two minutes and a half, Oxford extracted 121 lengths from London University. London University, although they had been together for only three days, and towards the end of the outing came off much the worse from a police launch wash, could not live with their rivals. Oxford proved their speed off the mark, clearing London University in one piece in 45sec and taking three quarters of

thaving avoided clashing with each other during these contests, it was slightly absurd that Oxford's carbon boat knocked on London's wooden one, holing it at the end of the contest when the coxes attempted to turn their charges around for the journey home.

On Sunday justice was seen to be done with Vardey returned to the Isls boat and Sutton given a chance at bow. But the Oxford lost any possible advantage with their lightweight boat by taking on the London boatman, Wallace to hold the rudder strings. Wallace at his fittest is some 3st heavier than Moynthan.

five minutes. But for the next seven the London University cox appeared as deaf as a post and Oxford were kept at bay well rut of the strong stream to finish within a quarter of a length of their rivals. Oxford's only remaining problem seems to be an occasional lull in longer rows before unleasting sparks of brilliance. But they look very fast off the mark.

Winter Chimes has fine chance

By Michael Seely

Frank Scotto, a Sedgefield director, has a first rate chance of winning the day's most of winning the day's most valuable race, the Brauspeth Handicap Steeplechase with Winter Chimes. Trained by Arthur Steephenson, Winter Chimes will be ridden by Tommy Stack, who despite his victory in the Schweppes Gold Trophy on True Lad, is still 12 behind John Francome in the fight for the jockeys' championship. The Dewar tenns compensation, born at Stalybridge, in October, 1968, died yesterday in London. It had been alling for years, though this truth was well disguised by the slamorous trappings of its

jockeys' championship.
Hills current odds of 2-1 on Francome and 3-1 against Stack do not necessarily reflect the true position. Five times in the past six seasons Stephenson has churned out over 100 winners. This year, due to the impossible training conditions at Leasingthorne, the Durham trainer is well behind schedule. At present he is engaged in building an all-weather gallop to ensure that the same situation does not occur again. But there have been signs in the past few days that the stable is winging

back into form. Stack may soon be back in hot pursuit of Francome to whom he lost the ritle last Last week at Carlisle Winter to take care of Chimes won a handicap by 15 and Hindhead.

lengths. Even with his 7lb penalty for that success, the eight-year-old is still extremely well treated, judged on the balance of his running last season. Of his opponents, Tony Dickinson's, Grand National candidate, Winter Rain, will need another race or two to reach peak fitness. Cromwell Road, from the in-form stable of Gordon Richards, has not the since being parrowly heaten run since being narrowly beaten by Skryne at Wetherby on Boxing Day. In receipt of 30th from Crom-well Road, Winter Chanes is a confident selection.

a double with Tommy loe in the a double with rismmy joe in the Tow Law Novices Steeplechase, and with Superb Sam in the second division of the Billingham Novices Hurdle. Tommy Joe has limited experience over feuces, but is held in high regard at Gisburn. A decisive winner at Wolverhampton in November. Tommy Joe fell at the fifth fence when an odds-on favourite to win Newfoundland's race at Avr in

The Dickinsons look set to land December. Michael Dickinson is keen to get more experience into the seven-year-old, but Tommy Joe's potential should be anough

Superb Sam, who ran par-ticularly well when chasing home Sea Pigeon at Newcastle last season, was thought good enough to win first time out at Doncaster in January. Despite looking back-ward in appearance in the paddock he started favourite, but weakened early in the straight and finished seventh to Ballet Lord. With the benefit he is sure to have derived from that race, he should prove too good for Snowdrift and

Rigorous.

Sedgefield patrons will be saddened to hear of the death on Sunday at the age of 77 of Mr Harry Lane, who for the past 20 years has been chairman of the Durham racecourse. A colourful character, who was involved in racing for most of his life, Mr Lane will be remembered mainly as the owner of Teaf, wiener of the Grand National in 1952 and of Barnes Park, who after finishing third to Nimbus in the 1949-2,000 Guineas, captured the Lincolnshira Guineas, captured the Lincolnshire handicap two years later.

In the 1960s Mr Lane conceived the idea of building a new race-course and sports centre at Blacks-pool, but the scheme was eventually abandoned. Originally the directors at Sedgefield thought

of cancelling this afterno ture as a mark of resp Mr Lane's daughter assur that this was the last ti father would have wished if the weather allows the to take place, two of th noon's runners, Pogbor Kitty Owen will carry known navy blue colours old gold spots and quarte

Tae Sporting Chroni Allied Manufacturing will both enter Nation sponsorship for the first the Aintree Grand Nation ing. Both races take plac opening day of the Thursday, March 31, a each company's participa part northern jumping festiv gramme is now complete The Sporting Chronicle up £6,000 added prize including a £500 trophy two-and-a-half mile steeplechase, while Allie facturing donate £5,000 ar trophy for a handicap hm two miles 100 yards.

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Towcester is the 100th meeting to be lost

By Michael Seely

The gravity of the loss of so much racing was underlined yesterday when the abandonment of Towcester made this the 100th fixture to be called off so far this season. The clerk of the course. Dennis Bushby, said yesterday:
" We had more rain last night and the course is waterlogged. We would need several days' dry weather before it will be possible to race."

To some extent the Dewar circuit—we still think of it in those terms, though it ceased to be a circuit two years ago—died a matural death. The larger, international Grand Prix was an inevitable development of open competition and the ensuing rivalry between the game's traditional administrators and the independent WCT organization. It was equally inevitable that the Dewar circuit would have increasing difficulty in surviving the challenge of the wealthier and stronger Grand Prix. which took over some of the original functions of the "whisky" circuit.

We may mourn the passing of the Dewar rournament, though it At Newton Abbot, the other fixture scheduled for today, Claude Whitley, the clerk of the course, announced that the stewards had inspected the course for the second time at 4 pm yesterday. "We had sun and a drying wind all day". Mr Whitley said. "If there is no further rain we should be able to race but a precaptionary inspecrace, but a precautionary inspec-tion will be held at 7 am tomorrow morning."

Prospects for Windsor tomorrow are gloomy. Water is lying on the track and the stewards are looking at the course at 9 o'clock this morning. There are no problems

for Catterick Bridge tomorrow, however. If Windsor is abandoned racegoers at Wincanton on Thursday will be in for a rare treat.
As well as the clash between
Dramatist, Beacon Light and Tiepolino in the Kingwell Hurdle,
perhaps the most important Gold cup trial to take place this season will be seen in the Jim Ford Challenge Cup. If Fort Devon is rerouted to the Somerset course, both he and Summerville are set both he and Summerville are set to concede 3ib to Border Incident. If racing is possible at Newton Abbot, Sea Swell, who needed the race when unplaced behind Arctic Heir at Ascot. may have too much speed for Smn Mellor's Doncaster winner, Alpenstock, in the Rippon Tor Norlock' Steenlerhase. In the Tor Novices' Steeplechase. In the first division of the Chinkwell Tor Novices' Eurdle, Ben Donachan,

though outclassed in the Schweppes and behind The Dealer at Ascor, may be good enough to beat Needcombe and Loonshiang. The second division of this event should fall to O'Couna, who has run consistently well in good class company all season. company all season. In London yesterday Sir Des-mond Plummer, the chairman of the Levy Board, issued a stern

warning to the bookmakers who recently refused to contribute an extra £2m to the levy. He is considering referring the whole matter to the Home Secretary: "For the seventeenth scheme for the season 1978-79", Sir Desmond said, "I am looking for a total of £13.6m. I find the bookmakers' negative attitude most discouraging."

Sir Desmond went on to point out that prize money was the life-blood of the industry. He continued by saying that in two years' time the situation could become extremely serious. Not only would there be no further increase in prize money, but there would also

Breathing Exercise and Under and is in receipt of S. Orders, who fluished first and second last Friday in the Prix should achieve his third cagnes, baving also wo-

be no funds available for improvements to racecour Desmond concluded: "WI disappointing is that fit money I have asked for re only an increase of one-si-penny in the f."



Form could work out well again

de Briancon, oppose each other again today in the Prix de la Californic at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Breath-ing Exercise (M. Miller) should again confirm the form with Under Orders (H. Rossi) as he won that event by two lengths

lest year as a three-year-Warbeck and Churchill other English runners at They thallenge for the £2. de la Madeleine, but should be good enough to the German horse Algarys

Sedgefield programme

1.15 GILESGATE HURDLE (5272 : 2m)

100-30 Mary McQuaker, 4-1 Market Town. 3-1 Shriving, 13-2 Biakewin. 8-1 Colden Gun, 10-1 Karafair, Veno Star, 12-1 Carmdine, 14-1 Sovereign Charger, 15-1 others.

1.45 BILLINGHAM HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £272: 2m) Belony J. Hardy, 6-11-0

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Drohem F. Waldon, 5-11-0

Genere Express. J. Richardson, 5-11-0

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Mits Mark, W. A. Stophenson, 5-11-0

Silk and Gold, F. Wiles, 5-11-0

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2.15 CROOK HURDLE (Handicap: £621: 21m)

2.45 BRANSPETH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £889: 21m)

3.15 TOW LAW STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £508

3.45 BILLINGHAM HURDLE (Div II: Novices

11-4 Superb Sam, 4-1 Snowdrift, 5-1 Wee Sovereign, 15-2 Red Marshall, 1 Flaxton, 9-1 Caleta Prince, 10-1 Rigorous, 12-1 Captain's Table, 16-1

Sedgefield selections By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Mary McQuaker. 1.45 Miss Normandy. 2.15 The Froddler. 2.45 WINTER CHIMES is specially recommended. 3.15 Tommy Joe. 3.45

Newton Abbot programme

2.0 CORNDON TOR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1.16-Om Arthur, S. Underbill, 11-11-7

Woodham, J. Old. 7-11-6

Wornbden Hill, Mrs V. Cole, 7-11-1

Poor of Kings, F. King, 3-10-15

Camp Carson (C.), Mrs L. Dingwall, 10-10-5

Arms Felly, Mrs M. Hessman, 14-10-5

Harcle's Mark, B. Scriven, 13-10-2

Fitthy Gold, W. Williams, 7-10-0

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092 Ensteate, P. Poston, 5-70-5
0-000 Nan's Gem, J. Baker, 5-10-3
00000 Geiden Ferch, -M. Low, 7-10-1
0004 Saffron Princess, L. Kemard, 5-10-0
0-043 Desert Gold, L. Kemard, 6-70-0
Rodney D. B. Jones, 8-10-0
0-043 Charlistratford, R. Keonor, 9-10-0
Waterville, N. Aylife, 7-10-0
00000 Kings Talianas, N. L. Justen, 5-36-0
00000 Gran Roval Sarees, J. Celbory, 7-1,16-0

3.0 SADDLE TOR HURDLE (Handicap: £1,117: 2m 51f

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Newton Abbot selections

2.0 Not Often. 2.30 Blasta Blaze. 3.0 Scot Free. 3.30 Sea Sw Ben Donachan. 4.30 O'Couna.

Swimming

Chance to qualify for Europe at Crystal Palace

Australia, Canada and the Soviet Union head an 18-nation line-up for this year's international swimfor this year's international swimming meeting, sponsored by Coca-Cola, at Crystal Palace on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday over Easter (April 9, 10, and 11). This will give competitors hoping to qualify for the European championships in Sweden in August a chance

The full list of competing nations is: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, West Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Netherlands, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Singapore, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia.

Dave Green puts 1976's most uccessful set of knuckles back of work at the Royal Albert Hall for the other plans to be fulfilled. Some of the opponent is Mario Guillotti, back in action and intelligence.

to work at the Royal Albert Hall toright. After a two-month rest. tonight. After a two-month rest.

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be the division in which he will welterweight contest and this may be the division in which he will finally decide where his future

It may be that Guillotti will follow in the footsteps of Miguel Cuello, who was also a European-based South American until he suddenly emerged as top contender for John Conten's world light heavy-series title

There is a stronger possibility, however, that this will be just a welcome opportunity for Green to try his strength at 10st 77b. How

celebrate with one of the pances that has made him t gest attraction in the Independent television

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Motor racing

Japanese Grand | Hunt overcomes Prix put back by six months

Paris, Feb 21.—The Japanese Formula One Grand Prix has been postponed from April 17 to October 23 because of financial problems, motor racing's ruling body amounced here today.

A spokesman for the International Sporting Commission said the race at the Fufi circuit had been put back at the request of the organizers after the withdrawal of their chief sponsor, the newspaper group Sport Nippon. The Japanese Automobile Federation is now trying to find another sponsor, the spokesman said.

difficulty by compromise

Johannesburg, Feb. 21.—James

Hunt, the world motor racing champion, ran into South Africa's strict obscenity laws here yesterday over a copy of a banned magazine. Customs officials at Jan Smuts airport confiscated the magazine from Hunt when he arrived to prepare for the South African Grand Prix on March 5. A compromise, however, was reached and Hunt emerged from the Customs office clutching the

record-breaking crew

this experiment and second selec-tion, despite Vardey's strong claim, should have been completed before announcing the crew. before announcing the crew. There have been signs for a con-siderable period that all was not

It was the most civil meeting of the universities of Oxford and London that I have witnessed. The carsmen took on the appearance of young gentlemen doffing their caps to each other rather than the usual bruisers spoiling for a fight. Having avoided clashing with each other rating these courses it was than Mosniban.

In a seven-minute piece, London were given a length start and finished three down on Oxford.

But the Oxford crew were frustrated in a 12-minute final piece. London University were given a three-length start, and this was shaved down to half a length by five minutes. But for the next

mark.

OXFORD: P. S. T. Wright Hampton School and Grief, bowl. G. E. G. Vardey 18t George's, Weybridge and Ballioti, M. M. Moran, British Columbia University M. Moran, British Columbia University and Kebler C. J. S. Mason Leon and Kebler C. J. Money-Coutts (Eton and Kebler A. S. Mason Leon and Kebler A. J. Wiggins (Wallingford Schools and Kobler). A. G. Micholmore (Molbourse University and New Stroke). G. B. Moyalhan (Moumouth and University, cor.).

CAMBRIDGE: N. G. Burnet (Bedford and Clare, bowl, R. A. Walteroff (Radley and Sidney Sudden). D. J. Searlo (Radley and Sidney Sudden). D. J. Searlo (Radley and Sidney Sudden). Elon and Cainas (Cooke-Yarborough Lelon and Cainas and Ref. C. Ross (King) Chester and Limbel. C. M. Hogion (Eton and Downing). M. D. Balturst (Merchant Cainas and Penbroke). S. J. Cleog (Eton) and Sidney Sussex, Cox).

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Green's welcome opportunity to impres

Tonight's bout, if successful, is likely to be followed by the big domestic event of the season, against John Stracey, the former world welterweight champion. If Green wins that one, the possibilities are both exciting and obvious and the light-welterweight division might see no more of him. First,

on March 5. The Board of Control regulation of alloy a lie showing of championship contests held country, so the bout we streemed at 11 pm, 80 to after the scheduled start.

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rstand this as one of remarkable about-turns history, it is necessary, it he recent past. Mr. gether with his friend r, Peter Taylor, was in a comment. r, Peter Taylor, was in Derby from the summer and their spectacular in October, 1973. In they built the finest club's history and won championship for the in 1972. The following reached the semi-final the European Cup, bur etween Mr Clough and rs, especially the chairel Longson, became instrained. The culmina-when Mr Clough and when Mr Clough and neeting to hard a pro-Clough sup-

hof a pro-Clough sup-levement and a most suit. Mr Clough against the restiled out of court. Succeeded by David the took Derby to a mpionship in 1975 but aged to win over the or the players comir Mackay, too, fell in of last year and Colin are reserve man coach. of last year and Colin sen reserve trau coach, ted first as acting mannal january, as manager. of 47 days later Mr id his assistant, Dorio was brought in to lay tons of a youth policy, to find themselves out

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Brian Clough: has already met Derby vice-chairman.

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s tipped for post as Brown leaves

vesterday dismissed Joe ir manager. Bob Lord, rman, said that Mr to Turf Moor as citief scout last ben relieved of his use of the club's replacement.

This season Burnley have won only four sames and made early one of the first tasks for the control of the club's replacement.

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One of the first tasks for the new manager would be to decide on the future of Flynn, the Welsh on the future of Flynn, whom he waithed at Southampton.

Southampton and the previous week a home crowd of barely 8,000 saw them draw with bottom-of-the such that Mr Brown would not be mad

Brazil's hopes dampened by Colombian effort

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ripps, the Charlton Athassistant manager. He career with West Ham d became something of the moving to Millwall, made over 400 appearabled Charlton two

ar abbatics.

Bogotzi; Feb 21.—Brazil's hopes of an easy run-up to the finals of the 1978 World Cup received a job tast night. Colombia held the former champions to a goalless draw in the first match of South American qualifying group defence and midfield, bur failed to get past Brazil's veteran goal-keeper, Leac. Brazil's 44-2 formation, without Marinho, lacked the offensive punch to break up the well-coordinated Colombian defence. Commentators named Colombia's Umana man of the march for his aggressive attacking play, along with Leac.

Lean.

Officials from Paraguay, the other team in the South American group one, said Brazil's performance gave them encouragement for the rest of the series. It was estimated that 100 million Brazilians watched the match on television.

In Quito, Ecuador and Peru drew

1—I in the first match of qualifying group three. Chile are also
in this group.—Reuter.

St Etienne, France, Feb 21.—
The St Etienne manager, Robert
Herbin, said here today he would
play four men in midfield with
only two strikers against Liverpool in the European Cup quarterfinal round on March 2 if his
wingers were not fit. Dominique
Rocheteau, out with a wrenched
knee, and Christian Sarramagna,
a pulled fligh muscle, have both
started training, but Herbin was
not sure they would be ready for
the first leg.—Agence FrancePresse.

George Lyall, the Hull City mid-field player, will miss the rest of the season after receiving a double fracture of his left lee as he scored his side's first goal in the sixty-fourth minute of their 2-2 draw with Bolton Wanderers on

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Badminton

British holder must be at her best

Gillian Gilks, of Britain, will need to be at her best to retain her singles title in the All-England badminton championships Wembley from March 23 to 26. Hiroe Yuki, who beat her to win the title in 1974 and 1975, is challenging again among a strong Japanese contingent.

Japan, who did not send a side last year, have amounted a party of 12 men and women, including their No 2, Etsuko Tekenaka, who won the women's singles in 1970 and carried off the doubles in 1972, 1973 and 1975 in partnership with M. Aizawa. Rudy Hartono from Indonesia, will not be defending the men's singles title. He has retired. The Indonesian challenge is expected to be led by Liem Swie King, who lost to Hartono in last year's final.

Ice hockey

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LOS ANGELES: 273: T. Puriser, 68. 67. 66. 72: 274: L. Wachins, 66. 69. 69. 70: 275: C. Zouller, 72. 72. 68. 65: 37: 275: C. State, 68. 68: 70: 278: G. Faller, 68. 70: 70: 70: 68. Faller, 68. 70: 70: 68. Faller, 68. 70: 70: 68. Faller, 70: 71: 72: 72: 74. 75. LOS ANGELES: Finals: Miss C. Evert (US) heat Miss M. Navarillova (Czechesjovakia) 6—2. 2—6. 6—1. Miss Evert and Miss Casals (US) beat Miss Navarillova (Czechesjovakia) and Miss B. Slovo (Netherlands)

Through pass to Gray may see Villa through

Football Correspondent

From the scars on the players and strange behaviour of officials in the board room afterwards, the impression of last Wednesday's Football League Cup semi-final round second leg tie between Aston Villa and Queen's Park Rangers at Villa Park could have been of a squalid bartle of studs and insults. Perhaps the directors could be charged with bringing the game into disrepute, but not many of the players, who meet again in a replay at Highbury this evening (7.30) after drawing 2—2. It was a magnificent, full-blooded match that went to the heads of the officials, who adjourned to squabble over who had won the toss to decide whether the replay should be at Highbury, which was Ranger's choice, or Coventry, Len Shipman, who was in the board room with

Bighbury, which was Ranger's choice, or Coventry. Len Shipman, who was in the board room with a group from the Football League and spun the coin. said it was "a hell of a do". He had not seen anything like it in his 40 years in football. The picture of directors scrambling around the floor looking for the coin, and the Rangers chairman leaping to his feet claiming three witnesses to his correct call, would have been material for Monty Python. If tonight's replay is as exciting as last week's game it might be necessary to put dividing fences between the officials inside Highbury's marble halls. Players are generally rather better at forgiving after a few days than those who watch them, and the post-ponement of Saturday's first division game between the clubs should have a calming effect.

All but one of those who were injured in last Wednesday's the have also had time to recover, McLintock and Webb. of Rangers.

have also had time to recover, McLintock and Webb, of Rangers, who had gashed shins, and Villa's Gray would probably not have

played on Saunday, but sre
already to appear conight, Cropley, the Villa midfield player who
was involved in an argument with
McLintock after crudely fouling
him, is unlikely to be available
because of a hamstring injury.
Gerry Francis, who was usually
proudly aloof from such rugged
aspects of the game, has overcome a groin strain.

Dave Sexton, the Rangers manager, was concerned last week that
his forwards did not see enough
of the hectic action that engulfed
all other areas of the game. So
he drops Hollins, the midfield
player, in favour of Eastoe, a
forward, who came on as a substitute and scored the second
equalizing goal at Villa Park.

In spite of losing their advan-In spite of losing their advan-tage in the final minutes of extra time last week, Villa start this evening as favourities in reach the final at Wembley on March 12, when the opponents will be Ever-ton.

ally neutral, but it holds no special advantage for Rangers, most of whose supporters tend to think of anywhere beyond the Uxbridge Road as foreign land. Tradition favours Villa, who have been in four finals and were the first winners of the trophy in 1961. More than that, Ron Saunders, their manager, is hoping to reach his own fourth final in five years. Everything may depend on whether Villa can provide Gray, the league's leading scorer, with chances to run on to the well-timed through pass or meet the chances to run on to the well-timed through pass or meet the well-directed centre. Perhaps slightly hindered by an injury, Gray was not quite at his sharpest last week. Francis stole the highest praise. This evening he will be making his first appearance in London since his return after a back allment that took seven months to heal.

Manchester clubs free from Cup-tie worries

chester City are free from injury problems as they prepare for their fifth round FA Cup ties on Saturday. Despite ending an unbeaten run of 17 matches on Saturday, Manchester City are expected to field an unchanged side at Leeds and Tommy Docherty, the Manchester United manager, is expected to take an unchanged lineno to Southampton for a repeat of last season's FA Cup final. Although United have moved up to fourth place in the first division with a run of eight games and only one point dropped. Mr Docherty refuses to take about his team's chances of taking the championship.

"Three months ago people were talking of us as relegation candidates and I don't want to bring manacessary pressure on the players now because we have moved up the table with such a great run", Docherty says. Opponents Leeds and Southampton are day. Despite ending an unbeaten

expected to be at full strength.

Robin Friday, Cardiff's £30,000
striker from Reading, is ineligible
for the Cup tie with Everton, so
20-year-old Peter Sayer will revert
to his favourite front line role.
"Peter is doing a good job in
midfield, but he particularly likes
getting up front." Alan Sealey,
the coach said. "Each time he
has made the switch for us he
has scored, so it suits everyone.

The second division club Black-burn Royers find themselves with a lengthy injury list as they prepare for Saturday's visit to Derby County. Royers have six first team men receiving treatment and might have to cancel their plans to go away to a country headquarters. The most serious casualties are the defender John Bailey and their winger Dave Wagstaffe. Both suffered identical ankie ligament injuries at Blackpool just over a weak ago and have missed.

Denness a good fit in **Essex framework**

Essex rebuffed the hopes of several other county cricket clubs yesterday when Michael Denness, formerly captain of Kent and England, signed a three-year contract with them. Glamorgan, Surrey and Sussex were among the counties rumoured at various times to be interested in Denness, whose future with Kent became uncertain last autumn after he relinquished the captaincy.

It was known that Denness, aged 36, was not antious to move house from Canterbury where he has business interests and where his children are at school. His stylish and free-scoring batting and fine fielding should fit well into the general framework of the Essex team, who, importantly, are one of the happiest county sides on and off the field.

Qualities less easily defined than Essex rebuffed the hopes of

on and off the field.

Qualities less easily defined than playing ability, which Demness seems likely to bring to Essex, are his maturity and willingness to move around the batting order. As a restoned campaigner Demoest should prove of enormous help to Fletcher, the captain of a predominantly young Essex team, who have tended in recent seasons to fade towards the end of the championship programme.

Demoest could find himself open.

Denness could find himself opening the Essex imings with Hardie, making an all Scottish partnership which will doubtless send the researchers scurrying to their books. Since the Australian Francis, finished in 1973, and the

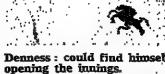
have lacked 2 regular opening pair. Last year Fletcher, McEwan and Pont were among those pressed into service. Denness, of course, for several seasons opened Kent's inmings fruitfully with Luckhmrst.

Only a few years ago it would have been unthinkable for Essex to join the race to acquire a player of Denness's standing. Careful husbandry, drastic pruning of the playing staff, and sheer hand work in fund-raising have changed all that. This week the committee heard that Boyce, apparently, has finally rid himself of his shoulder trouble. With a batting order which could start with Denness, Hardie, McEwan, Hercher, and Gooch, Essex can justifiably hope that they can improve last year's sixth place in the championship.

Any achievements in which Denness shares in future will give great pleasure to the admirers of the character and skill he has shown in a career which has had its quota of disputation. He led England in 19 of his 23 Test matches, and was appointed captain of Kent in 1972, succeeding the formidable figures of Illingworth and Cowdrey in the respective tasks. Last summer Kent won the Benson and Hedges Cup and the John Player League, but slipped to fourteenth in the championship after being fifth in 1975. There were circumstances attached to his departure from the Kent leadership which have still

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never been made public. At one stage it was far from certain that Denness would remain in the first-class game, but cricket enthusiasts of all allegiances will be pleased that this has proved not to be the case.

Lloyd steps out from shadow of a prolific baf

Bridgetswn, Feb. 21.—Clive Lloyd, the West Indies captain, batting in the shadow of the profile Richards during the past 12 months, burst back to his brilliant best here yesterday to crush Pakistan's hopes of making a winning start to their five-match Test series. With West Indies 183 for five in reply to Pakistan's first innings score of 435, Mushtaq Mohammad, the Pakistan captain, must have sensed victory.

Those hopes vanished when Mushtaq dropped Lloyd after he had scored 42. West Indies went on to make 421,

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Turner's Test hopes rest with tail-end

Christchurch, Feb 21.—New Zealand's hopes of saving the first Zeatand's nopes of saving the first match against Australia will rest with the tail-end batsmen, Howarth and Hadlee, here to-morrow. After three day's play New Zealand, 324 for eight in their first innings, still need 29 runs to avoid the follow-on. Turner, the captain, believes that New Zealand can draw the match, providing the follow-on is saved. He must desperately hope for a piece of luck, having put Australia into but on the first day and watched them plie up 552

captain, is consident mat ms bowling attack, led by Lilles, can break through early and then wrap up the match. But the weather could have the final say, showers being forecast. Eighty-five minutes were lost yesterday through rain. Today is a rest day.

£200 for winners The county championship match between Sussex and Kent at Hove, which starts on August 31, is to be sponsored by Rediffusion, the television rental company. Included in a "substantial" sponsorship fee will be £200 to be shared between the players of the winning team. The county championship match

Sunday benefits are ideal for six players

John Player League matches on Sanday are proving ideal as benefit games. Six players have chosen them for the coming season—Tony. Cordle, of Glamorgan (against Kent at Swanses on July 17); Barry Richards, of Hampshire (against Warwickshire at Basingstoke on July 24); Ray Illingworth, of Leicester (against Warwickshire at Leicester on August 28); Clive Radley, of Middlesex (against Yorkshire at Lord's on August 7); Michael Harris, of Nottinghamshire (against Yorkshire at Trent Bridge on June 12); and Graham Burgess, of Somerset (against Derbyshire at Taunton on August 14).

Four players go for champion-

Four players go for champion-ship fixtures. Norman Graham, of Kent (against Worcestershire at Canterbury on August 6): Clive Lloyd, of Lancashire (against Yorkshire at Old Trafford on June 4): Rohan Kanhai, of Warwick. Yorkshire at Old Trafford on June 4); Roban Kanhai, of Warwickshire (against Yorkshire at Edgbaston on August 5); and Alan Ormrod, of Worcestershire (against Warwickshire at Worcester on June 4). Three other beneficiaries in 1977, Keith Boyce, of Essex, Tony Brown, of Gloucestershire, and Pat Pocock, of Surrey, do not have matches.

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House of Lords

Court of Appeal Calculating ratable value of dock wharf

Harwich Dock Co Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners Before Lord Justice Chirus, Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Bridge

[Judgments delivered February 18] [Judgments delivered February 18]
The authority "conferred by or under any emectment" envisaged by section 35 of the General Rate Act, 1967, and by the Docks and Harbour (Valuation) Order, 1971, is an authority conferred on a particular named dock or harbour undertaker and one which authorizes him to carry on not merely activities comprised within the undertaking but the totality of the undertaking but the totality of the undertaking as such.

The Court of Appeal in reserved fudgments, dismissed an appeal by Harwich Dock Co Lni against the refusal of the Divisional Court to grant an order of mandamus refusal of the Divisional Court to grant an order of mandamus requiring the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to calculate the ratable value of a hereditament known as Navyard wharf, occupied by the company in Harwich harbour, in accordance with the planting and the reluction

place so approved is in this Act referred to as a 'transit shed'." Mr George Dobry, QC, and Mr F. A. Amies for the dock com-pany; Mr Brian Davenport for the commissioners and the valuation

pany; Mr Erian Davenport for the commissioners and the valuation officer.

LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE said that Navyard wharf comprised a complex of jetties with berths for five ships. The jetties were built between 1963 and 1970 pursuant to permissions granted by the Harwich Conservancy Board under the Harwich Harbour Acts, 1863 and 1865. At all material times the hereditament as a whole had been an approved wharf for the purposes of section 14, and had included two transit sheds approved within section 17. The undertaking was concerned with vessels in international trade, relating to the loading and unloading of goods, including vehicles, with handling and storage and customs clearance.

The sole question was how the ratable value was to be determined. Under section 35 of the General Rate Act, 1967, the Secretary of State for the Environment was empowered to make provision by order for determining the ratable value of "any hereditament occupied by the persons carrying on, under authority conferred by or under any enactment, a dock or harbour undertaking". By the Docks and Harbour (Valuation) Order, 1971, that power was exercised, and a special basis of valuation prethat power was exercised, and a special basis of valuation prescribed, for "any hereditament which comprises . . a dock or harbour undertaking and is occupied by persons carrying on such undertaking under authority construction.

The company claimed that the hereditament should be valued under the order, and sought to establish the claim by mandamus. The commissioners and the valuation officer contended that the mable value should be assessed after 1971 as it had been before 1971—under the general law of raving on the so-called profits basis.

It was common ground that the company carried on a dock under-

company carried on a dock under-taking within the meaning of the relevant provisions, but did it do so " under authority conferred by or under any enactment"? Before their Lordships the company had, by leave, raised a new point, that the dock undertaking was carried on under authority conferred under the Customs and Excise Act by virtue of the approvals given under sections 14 and 17. Its contention was that and 17. Its contention was that the statutory authority for the use of the hereditament as an approved wharf, for loading and unloading goods, and in relation to transit sheds, for storing goods pending customs clearance, was an authority which (a) embraced the essential activities of the undertaking which gave it its character and to which any other activities were ancillary; and (b) was necessary to enable those activities to be carried on lawfully, so that the company could be said to carry on its undertaking under authority conferred under the Customs and Excise Act.

For the commissioners if was contended that the authority contended that the authority contended the contended the contended that the authority contended the contend For the commissioners if was contended that the authority "conferred by or under any enactment" envisaged by section 35 or by the valuation order was an authority conferred on a particular named dock or harbour undertaker and one which authorized him to carry on not merely activities comprised within the undertaking but the totality of the undertaking but the totality of the undertaking as a whole. The approvals of Navyard wharf under section 14 and of the transit sheds under section 17 lacked the appropriate character because they related to a place and not to a person, and they did not embrace all the activities not embrace all the activities which together made up the dock undertaking as a whole.

undertaking as a whole.

The rival contentions were finely balanced, His Lordship found nothing in the context in which the words "under authority conferred by or under any enactment" appeared in section 35 to afford any clue to the underlying legislative purpose. Nor was there any decisive pointer in the arguments for either side. It was said that the commissioners' construction gave no effect to the words "under any enactment" since no " under any enactment " since no example could be given of a statutory dock or harbour undertaking in their sense whose powers were not derived directly from statute. On the other hand, it was said that the company's construction that the company's construction would render purposaless the whole phrase since, in practice, every dock undertaking must operate at a place where goods could be handled in connexion with their importation, exportation or coastwise transacruation.

In the end his Lordship's impression was that it was marginally more probable that Parliament intended the result which followed from the narrow rather than the wide construction, and he would d'series the appeal, ...Lord justice Roskill and Lord Justice Cairus delivered concurring Justice Cairus delivered concurring

judgments.
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Income of foreign investment company assessable gross

[Speeches delivered February 16] Where a United Kingdom residant has transferred assets abroad and receives income from a non-trading company set up abroad to and receives income from a non-trading company set up abroad to manage those assets, his liability to income tax is on the gross in-come, and no deduction is allow-able in respect of management and other expenses incurred by the company abroad company abroad

company abroad.

The House of Lords so held on the construction of section 412 of the Income Tax Act, 1952, directed to preventing the avoidance by individuals ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of liability to income tax by means of transfers of assets out of the principle. turisdiction.

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Their Lordships allowed an appeal by the Crown from the Count of Appeal (Lord justice Buckley, Lord Justice James and Sir John Pennycuick) (The Times, December 13, 1975; [1976] I WLR 310) which had allowed in part an appeal by Lord Cherwode, a resident in the United Kingdom, from Mr Justice Megarry ([1975] I WLR 34), who had affirmed the special commissioners' decision and whose judgment is now restored.

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Section 412 provides: "For the purpose of preventing the avoiding by individuals ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of liability to income tax by means of transfers of assets by virtue or in consequence, whereof, income becomes payable to persons resident or domiciled out of the United Kingdom, it is hereby enacted as follows:—(1) Where such an individual has by means of any such transfer... acquired any rights by wirtue of which he has, within the meaning of this section, power to enjoy, whether forthwith or in the future, any income of a person resident or domiciled out of the United Kingdom which, if it were income of that individual received by him in the United Kingdom, would be chargeable to income tax by deduction or otherwise, that income shall... be deemed to be income of that individual for all the purposes of this Act."

Mr L. J. Bromley, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown; Mr D. C. Potter, QC, and Mr Peter Whiteman for the taxpayer. LORD WILBERFORCE said that in 1967 Lord Chetwode transferred a substantial capital sum to the Bahamas. The whole of the share capital of Artleborough was held by another company, Trust Corporation of Bahamas Ltid, a trustee of a settlement for the benefit of Lord Chetwode and his family. Lord Chetwode had a life interest in the trust fund and also wide powers, including power to revest in himself the title to the trust fund. Attleborough did not carry on a trade. It invested the money transferred to it in the purchase of stocks in United States companies and land in the Bahamas. In acquiring and managing the portfolio. Attleborough incurred expenses and charges which were the

and faind in the karamas. In acquiring and managing the port-folio. Attleborough incurred ex-penses and charges which were the subject of the present appeal— investment advisory fee, manage-

ment fees, enfekceping charges, security handling fees and bank charges, registered office and executive office fees. For 1967-68 and 1968-69 they amounted to £878 and £1,243.

The revenue allowed, by concession, a small sum in each year in respect of the costs of collection of the income, but otherwise claimed that Lord Chetwode was assessable to income tax on all the income received by Attieborough without deduction in respect of costs and expenses.

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It had been common ground before the commissioners that Lord Chetwode had "power to enjoy" Artheborough's income; four that left open the question of what did the "income" consist. Was it the gross income, consisting of the dividends received? Or was it "net" income after deduction of costs and expenses?

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a simple question to answer.
Granted that Lord Chetwode had
power to enjoy Attleborough's
income and that what he was
liable to be charged with was.
" any income " of Attleborough,
all that might appear to be necessary would be to look at Attleborough's revenue accounts for
the relevant year and see what, in
revenue terms, was the outcome of the relevant year and see what, in revenue terms, was the outcome of the period. Since such accounts did show a batance after crediting the dividends received and debiting the costs and expenses incurred in relation to the investments, that balance must represent the "income" of Atleboroush to be imputed under incurred in relation to the investments, that balance must represent the "income" of Attleborough, to be imputed, under section 412, to Lord Cherwode. That approach, which clearly had common sense attraction, was accepted by the Court of Appeal.

But it was not quite so simple. An individual, resident in the United Kingdom, who received dividends from investments, was not permitted to deduct against those dividends costs and expenses of the kind now in issue. The purpose of section 412 was to prevent tax being avoided through the transfer of assets obroad, so that income received abroad would be chargeable on the transferor as if the income had been received by him in the United Kingdom. To permit management, etc. charges incurred to be deducted for tax purposes after such a transfer, which charges would not have been deductible had the assets remained in the taxpayer's hands in the United Kingdom, would be to achieve exactly what the section appeared designed to prevent in relation to a type of transaction precisely of the kind which the section contemplated. The question was what was meant by "income" in section 412. Section 412 formed part of the United Kingdom. So one should start with a disposition to interpret "income" as the word was used in our tax legislation. There had never been any definition in our tax code. What was charge-able with income max the particular heads of charge under the schedules. Dividends received from foreign companies were income arising from possessions out of the United Kingdom, taxed as such

foreign companies were income arising from possessions out of the United Kingdom, taxed as such under Case V of Schedule D. If

for the purpose of applying sec-tion 412, it was sought to claim some deduction against that "in-come" before the tax was im-posed, some warrant must be found for the deduction.

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The mappyor's first argument to support his contention that "income" meant "net income " had to be assessed in accordance with the law of the country where the income arose—the Bahamas. Such an approach had not been maintained in the House.

The only alternative his Lordship could see was to compute the "income" by reference to "general principles"—by invoking a kind of "common law" income which involved, in general understanding, a "net" sum after deducting expenses, or by invoking accepted principles of commercial accounting.

His Lordship could not accept either. He could find no principle on which to decide in relation to investment income, whether, for taxation purposes, any deductions ought to be made, and, if so, what those deductions ought to be. There was no common law, or common sense, or common practice in such a matter. Deductions were a statutory matter and the question was what the tax code

tice in such a matter. Deductions were a stantory matter and the question was what the tax code allowed. If it was true that there was no equity about a tax, it was equally true that there was no common law of deductions: either they were authorized or they were not. There was simply income, received by way of dividends, which income was a recognized and appropriate subject of taxation, and it could only be that income to which section 412 referred.

So Lord Chetwode was taxed in So Lord Chefwode was taxed in precisely the same way and to the same extent as if, instead of transferring assets to buy investments abroad, he had retained his assets in the United Kingdom and bought the investments from the United Kingdom. His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Megarry that the "income" referred to was the dividends as they came in.

The final point taken by the tax-"income" referred to was the dividends as they came in.

The final point taken by the tax-payer was that under section 412(1) the income to be taxed as if it were the taxpayer's was income which he had power to enjoy within the meaning of the section. The argument was that he had no power to enjoy so much of Atle-borough's income as was spent in expenses, etc., so that by that route one arrived at a taxable amount of net income.

The short answer to that lay in Lord Chetwode's extensive powers over the assets of the settlement and so over Attleborough's share capital. He could at any time have obtained for himself the beneficial enjoyment of the whole income. That gave him power to enjoy the income by virtue of section 412(5)(d). He could no more diminish the amount of income which he had power to enjoy by the amount of his expenses than any other taxpayer who chose to expend his income, however prodently, could claim to be taxed on what was left after the expenditure.

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The appeal should be allowed. Viscount Dilhorne delivered a concurring speech, and Lord Salmon, Lord Fraser and Lord Russell Control of the C Solicitors: Sono Withers. Solicitor, Inland Why do people go shopping? Is it sheer gathering of daily bread—though some of the gigantic queues at my local Sainsbury's look as if they were stocking up for a winter's hiber-nation. Is part of it the pleasure of being out and about and seeing life in the streets? There must be something in this, or middle, a huge shopping more people would do a gigantic shop once a week and have

I was astonished to find the done with it. To me shopping has always been a pleasure as well as a necessity. I find it immensely cheering to spend rather more than I can sensibly afford on something I hadn't realized I needed. It was a revelation when I first went to ive in New York early in the 1960s to find out just how much of a pleasure shopping could be.

There was none of the early closing mentality which meant that for one afternoon a week all the shops were shut; shops did not open sharp at nine and close equally sharply at 5.30, leaving anyone at work with the grim alternative of shopping or eating during the kunch hour. department stores enjoyed putting on eyedazzling window displays and staying open until nine in the evening, twice a week. Little corner shops stayed open until mid-night, and if an unexpected guest arrived, you could always rush out and find a delicatessen open. Big stores and little shops had something in com-mon—they all wanted to sell you their goods.

It has taken a long time for the British to catch up (and with the greatest unwillingness) over making the goods available by opening for longer (and differing) hours. I doubt if they have lost revenue by doing so. Whenever it is suggested that a street should be closed to traffic to form a small shopping precinct a scream of horror and dismay goes up from the shop-keepers. Ruin, they declare, stares them in the face, they fight the idea every step of the way. When it happens, of course, it doesn't seem so bad. can hardly believe that the shops in South Molton Street (now a pedestrian precinct) are doing so badly.

I must say that I am tired of shopping in central London. Oxford Street, if you have only limited time, can be a nightmare of people and traffic— even though much of the traffic has been diverted elsewhere. Regent Street and Picadilly are wearingly noisy and in any High Street you have to shout to be heard. Where else to go? I went to Croydon. Fifteen minutes on an 80p

lay return to East Croydon from Victoria deposited me on a greyish, chillyish Saturday morning when everyone was out

almost Sam Costa's home town second thought. Back in the

"Croynge, between Croydon street with the traffic surging - "Croynge, between Croydon and Penge" indistinguishable from grey South London. Now the town centre looks like the British idea of Lower Manhat-tan—skyscrapers, tower blocks, new developments, old shops redeveloped, and right in the middle, a huge shopping

I was astonished to find the I was astonished to find the variety and number of shops there. A huge Marks and Spencer, Boots, W. H. Smith, Woolworths, British Home Stores, all catering to a relatively unharried and unhurried band of shoppers. Going into Allders, a department store which has department store which has gone in for a complete face lift, I found a helpful policy of shops within a shop—a
Richard Shop, Mothercare,
Country Casuals, a W. H.
Culiens' Goblet and Gourmet
shop, a Reader's Digest shop,
among many others. A very
wide selection of clothes in

sizes up to 18—every time I go shopping in London they are only equipping midgets that day —household goods, fabrics, and for the weary, a coffee shop in the basement, a snack bar on the ground floor (shrink wrapped sandwiches, which I consider a bad sign) a restaurant on the top floor, all of which were doing a roaring trade at a quarter past twelve in the morning. There was an extensive array of beds—I believe a vast brass four poster would have cost me about £700—a number of kitchens in well-known makes made up for inspection, and a great deal of furniture. -household goods, fabrics, and

I wish that I could persuade British stores to go and look at Bloomingdales in New York and copy their glamorous and attractive room sets made up from furniture on sale. People used to go specially to look at them, and once in the store, the customer seldom goes out with-out purchasing something.

On through gardening to the pet shop, which was a little disappointing if you were looking for something large. I particularly little larly liked a fish called Panga-sius, about 8in long with sad, bulbous eyes, at £1.10. There was a series of extravagantly was a series of extravagantly eared rabbits, and in the corner a pair of rats—most elegant with dark brown heads and necks, the rest white with touches of pink—ears, paws and tails. I don't care for rats much. But as we gazed, beady eye to beady eye through the wire, they were beautiful, in their own way.

I wish it were possible to keep people from throwing paper and rubbish about. The Whitgift Cautre has white tiling (aiready looking grubby and battered in places) and lots of grey railings and bars. Practically cally, it's marvellous: visually, morning when everyone was out shopping. In my childhood, Croydon was a place one passed through on the way to London or the coast. The place was

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Miss Selfridge, Dayville Ice Cream, Mates, and far too many jean shops. It was a pleasure to turn off into the Surrey Street Market-a real fruit and vegetable market with the celery being tenderly mopped down with J cloths. In one of the little shops they were play-ing automated bingo—it looked the dreariest occupation for a Saturday morning, but as the place was pretty full, people

Little shops selling exclusive or handmade goods I did not discover-apart from Paper Rainbow in the High Street, where they had attractive stationery, a very good selection of cards, and, among other novelties, a small custion in the shape of a humbug made of ticking, for £1.50. It took me a long time to work out how it was made from one strip of fabric and I'm still not entirely

In St George's Walk I came across Traditional Interiors, a furniture, and I particularly liked a small military chest with two drawers made in yew, ideal for a bedside or telephone table at £49.50. Crossing to the Fairfield alls, the entertainments

Halls, the entertainments offered ranged from The Way of the World given by the Theatr Clwyd Company from Mold, the play described as *Congreve's hilariously witty romp through the high camp frivolities of a dasking young couple" (can it be the same play?) to George Hamilton IV. a Johann Strauss Gala, the val Philharmonic Orchestra, and an appearance of the McGarrigle sisters. Outside in the public gardens was an example of civic enterprise which I applaud, the Croydon and District Auctioneers and Surveyors, having celebrated their Silver Jubilee, commissioned and gave to the town a sculpture by Roger Harmer, a student of the Croydon College of Design and Technology. and an appearance of the of Design and Technology. While applauding the notion, I felt distinctly threatened by the sculpture—but it was worth a

The citizens are friendly, the shop assistants helpful, everything you could want is within walking distance. Almost everything—I always this bookshops, secondard brokshops in the secondhand bookshops, junk shops—though I am told there's a splendid junk shop in Croy-don, it's rather like the totally unspoilt holiday resort—those in the know keep it a secret. There's a lot in favour of taking the train to Croydon to shop. No, I didn't go back and buy the elegant pair of rats. I have enough trouble as it is blaming the odd noises in the house on the central heating. Besides, I don't think they cared for me



The Whitgift Centre, Croydon

Katie Stewart

Bake me a loaf as fast as you can

Most household flours are all purpose flours of average strength and are ideal for all general home baking. While you can bake an acceptable loaf of bread using a plain household flour, you will bake a better loaf of bread using the stronger bread type flours. Strong flour is milled from hard wheats, it is richer in gluten than flour made from a greater ability to absorb water. Gluten is important because it is the "rise" in flour. When the gluten is developed by kneading a dough, it provides a framework capable of holding pockets of air as the dough proves, and produces a loaf with a good volume and a fine texture. Strong white flours for breadmaking are usually labelled "strong" on the

Wholemeal or wholewheat flour is flour milled from the whole grain, it contains the wheatgarm and the bran with nothing added and nothing taken away. Wheatmeal flour, on the other hand, contains the germ and some of the bran. Wheatmeals usually have an extraction rate of 85-95 per cent—some of the coarsest bran particles are removed in milling. Sometimes wheatmeal flours have the extraction rate written on the packet and this

is simply a term used to indicate the amount of the whole grain retained in the flour after milling. Wholemeat flour, for instance, has 100 per cent extraction rate and is therefore coarser in texture because it has retained all the bran particles. White flour usually has about

a 72 per cent extraction rate. In the milling of white flour the wheatgerm and outer layer in-cluding the bran is removed. The bran and the wheatgerm contain important nutrients and when they are sieved out we when they are seven all white flour is fortified with Vitamin B1, niacin, fron and calcium to a legally prescribed limit which restores the level to 80 per cent. Nutritionally there is little to choose between a baked white and brown loaf, but a brown lost contains the bran which provides some of the roughage in our dier

The texture and flavour of bread made using wholewheat flour will be quite different from that made using a strong white flour. Wholewheat bread has a delicious nutty flavour particularly if you use stone ground wholewheat flour. The crumb of wholewheat bread will have a denser texture too be-cause the presence of the bran in the flour retards the amount of rise in the dough. Since some of the bran is removed from wheatmeal flours, wheatmeal makes a lighter loaf. Wheatmeal flours are very good mixed with strong white flours, then you get the best of both and your bread will have the flavour and colour of the brown flour and the rise you get with strong white flour. You can make your own bread with the texture and flavour and like the texture and flavour you like by mixing wholewheat or wheat-meal and strong plain flour in whatever proportions you like.

Having carefully selected your flour you now require yeast to raise the dough, Fresh baker's yeast makes the best bread, it's not always easy to buy but you can get it from buy but you can get it from some bakers' shops or health food stores. Put your fresh yeast in a polythene bag with a few drops of water and it will keep fresh for four to five days in a cool place or up to a month in the refrigerator. I understand it will keep up to a year in the freezer. Fresh yeast should be blended in the recipe with warm liquid at 80-85°F (the liquid feels slightly cool when dropped on the wrist). Dried baker's yeast is very handy and is available from grocers and chemists. The little dried pellets will keep fresh for six months in a closed tin after which time it ceases to be quite so active. If you buy dried yeast in packets transfer it to a screw topped jar or lidded tin to keep in fresh. Dried yeast needs a higher temperature to reconsti-tute it, the liquid in the recipe should be "hand hot" 110°F (a drop on the wrist will feel hot but not burning). The dried yeast is sprinkled on water (taken from the recipe) to which a teaspoon of sugar-honey or treacle has been added hot but not burning).

and allowed to stand in a warm place until the pellets have softened and the liquid froths as good as fresh yeast if you All bread doughs have to

prove at least once to give the yeast time to work. You can leave the dough for whatever time suits you best-about 45 minutes in a warm place (in cold weather you can set the bowl over a suacepan half-filled the base of the bowl does not touch the water) the same dough will take about 1-13 hours to prove at an average room temperature, or it can be left overnight in a cold larder. Nowadays a roomy polythene bag has taken over from the old-fashioned damp cloth used to cover a proving dough. Place your basin or tin of dough inside the bag and tied closed the cover is the closed to cover it is the cover that the cover is leaving it rather baggy so that the dough has room to rise. The atmosphere inside will be warmth and moisture necessary for a good rise.

There is nothing complicated or mysterious about bread making, but it does require a little perseverance. Home-made bread may not turn out quite right the first time but with experience you will get to know the right feel and texture of dough at different stages. Then breads are easy and will turn out right every time.

Make this same recipe with all strong plain flour for a white loaf. By using a mixture of wheatmeal and white flour you

Wheatmeal Bread

joz white fat;

achieve a brown loaf that slices Makes 1 large or two small

120z strong plain flour; 12oz wheatmeal flour; 1 level tablespoon salt:

d pint water; loz fresh yeast or 1 level table-spoon dried yeast and 1 tea-spoon sugar or black treacle.

Sift the white flour into basin and add the wheatmeal flour and salt. Rub the fat into the mixture. Blend the fresh yeast with 1 pint of the warm taken from the recipe or sprinkle the dried yeast into the hand bot " water mixed with the sugar or treacle and let stand until frothy—takes about 10 minutes.

Add the remaining water and stir the yeast liquid into the dry ingredients. Mix to a rough dough in the basin. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead very thoroughly for about 10 minutes to make a smooth non sticky dough. Replace the dough in the mixing basin and leave to prove until risen and doubled in size. Turn out the risen dough, press all over with the knuckles to flatten to an oval shape (for two loaves divide the dough in half). Pick the dough up by each of its narrow ends (with fingers underneath and thumbs on top) and flap it up and dows smartly on the table, stretching it gently as you do. Fold side over the middle and then roll up neatly and fit into the warmed greased loaf tin or

While the dough is proving for the second time prepare a hot oven with the shelves at the correct level—tin loaves should be baked about the centre. When the bread is nicely domed over the top of the tin brush with salt water and sprinkle with a little wheatmeal flour. Set in the centre of a hot oven (450 degrees F or Gas.no. 8) and bake for 30-35 minutes for small tins and 35-

tins) with the join underneath.

40 minutes for a large When cooked the loaf will sound hollow if the bottom is tapped sharply with the knuckles, turn the bread onto Milk Twist

No need to use a loaf rin for this bread dough—you twist it in a attractive plait. Milk twist good for serving with salad or lunch menus. This same dough is the kind to use for white bread rolls.

1 lb strong plain flour; 2 level reaspoons sait ;

oz white fat ; oz fresh yeast or 2 level teaspoons dried yeast and 1 tea-

spoon sugar; pint mixed milk and water (using 2 parts milk to 1 part

Sift the flour and salt into a basin. Rub in the fat. Blend the fresh yeast with a pint of the liquid using warm

water for fresh yeast and hand bot water with the sugar added to reconstitute dried yeast. Add the remaining liquid and stir the yeast mixture into the flour. Mix to a rough dough in the basin then turn onto a lightly floured surface and kneed well for 10 minutes. Replace the dough in the mixing basin and leave to prove until doubled in size. Turn out, press all over with the knuckles to flatten and divide into three.

Roll each piece into a long rope of dough about 12 inches long. Nip the three ropes of dough rogether at one end and then plait them and pinch the opposite ends to seal. Place on a warmed, greased baking sheet cover and leave for about 45 minutes in a warm place until puffy. Brush with beaten egg before baking and sprinkle with poppy or caraway seeds.

Bake in the centre of a hot oven (450 degrees F or Gas no. 8) for 30-35 minutes.

For rolls divide the risen dough into 12 portions and shape each into a round. Place little spart on a greased king tray and allow them to rise. Glaze with egg and poppy or caraway seeds and bake for 20-30 minutes at (425 degrees F or Gas no. 7).

Quick wholemeal bread

If a bread dough is very thoroughly kneaded you can get away with only one proving —after the bread is shaped and placed in the baking tin. This is a special recipe for the cook in a hurry.

Makes 1 small loaf 12 oz 100 per cent wholewheat

1 rounded teaspoon salt; l oz wbite fat;

1 oz fresh yeast or 2 level teaspoons dried yeast and 1 tea-spoon brown sugar or black treacle;

5 tablespoons milk; 4 pint water. Mix the flour and salt in

basin and rub in the fat. Blend the fresh yeast in the warm milk and water or reconstitute the dried yeast in the "handhot" liquid mixed with the sugar or treacle. Stir with the flour and mix to a rough dough in the basin. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead the dough very thoroughly for at least 10 minutes. Then round up the dough, cover, and leave to rest for 10 to 15 minutes only. Knuckle the dough out to an oval shape and roll up and fit into warmed, greased, small loaf tin. Place inside a polythene bag and leave in a warm place until almost double in size. Bake at (450 degrees F or Gas No 8) for 30 to 35 minutes.

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Terry Frost: responding to whatever is new

Young Contemporaries—is in two parts: painting and sculpture at the Royal Academy Diploma Galleries; performance work at the Acme Gallery, 43, Shelton Street, Covent Garden, WC2. The painting and sculpture is a mishmash of tired styles and is hardly worth the fight through the Pompeti queue to get there. On its wall the Acme is showing work related to performances or conceptual art, and this

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As a device the dog has a history in art and literature. Ginter Grass used it brilliantly as a narrative ploy in Dog Years. Slobodan Tadis: showed Years. Stobnosso. Tadic showed photographs of Edinburgh taken from a foot above the ground, as a "dog's eye" view of the city at a Yugoslavian exhibition organized by Richard Demarco at the Froitmarket Gallery in 1975. Tadic's

the exhibition at Norwich has been lost, although there still remains the confrontation between the different groups of artists.

Although superficially less revolutionary than the Vorticists, the paintings of the Camden Town group were none the less innovatory in their depiction of modern life and their response (in angle, viewpoint and use of grey tone) to the influence of photography. Sickert later went on to work straight from photographs, as in his well-known painting of George V waving from a coach. There seems a direct link be-There seems a direct link be-tween these late pictures by Sickert and Richard Hamilton's paintings of the Sixties like that of Bing Crosby and that of Mick Jagger and the art dealer Robert Fraser hand-cuffed in the back of a police car while on a drugs charge. This was Bamilton's best period where he pushed on from where Sicker had pioneered.

Terry Frost: M17, October 1962

bonus of the reconstruction of in 1914. He seems to have the original version of altered it because it appeared Epstein's magnificent sculpture too much to exult in the technological brutality which had Norwich. Epstein smashed this version during the war and found its apotheosis in the First World War. He was never the standard brutant and the seems to have the seems t work related to performances or conceptual art, and this looks much more interesting. Until Saturday (ring 240 3047 for details of performances and events).

At the ICA New Gallery is excess market Gallery in 1975. Tadic's photographs worked because that of Ring Crosby and that they showed familiar scenes of Mick Jagger and the art Norwich. Epstein smaspled this cuffed in the back of a police car while on a drugs charge. This was Hamilton's best they on indelle-aged artists who have an exhibition of collaborative works by Dieter Roth and or drive. The paintings them repetition of the Sixties like that of Ring Crosby and that they showed familiar scenes of Mick Jagger and the art Norwich. Epstein smaspled this version during the war and cuffed in the back of a police car while on a drugs charge. This was Hamilton's best Tate). The original figure, remade by the sculptor Ken from where Sickert had ondered.

If Oxford lacks the back-period, as it did when Rostein ground material, it has the exhibited at the London Group

to produce such a powerful plece again, and his subsequent sculpture was at best uneven and at worst downright bad. At the ICA, in the corridor gallery, is an exhibition by two photographers, Robert Judges and Paddy Summerfield, Town

and Gown—Two views of Oxford. Summerfield has photographed the undergraduates' world sensitively and rather artily. Much tougher are the pictures of the town by Robert ludges who works on a local Judges who works on a local newspaper based in Reading, strong honest images of the workingclass life of Oxford which most tourists (and undergraduates) never see.

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Double pleasure

Ricci/Ogdon Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Great violinist though be is, London rarely hears Ruggiero, Ricci, and it was a double pleasure that he had John Ogdon at the piano.

True, they started with Mozart's Sonata K454, not the sort of music best served by a partnership like this. Yet it demonstrated Mr Ricci's warmth and purity of tone, his quite singular case of more quite singular ease of move-ment, the supple response established between these two players, and augured excitingly for the rest of the evening.

for the rest of the evening.

Buson's Sonata No 1 (not the more familiar later work, also in E minor) is a post-Brahmsian piece full of youthful ardour and it received a matching performance. The slow movement, especially, is full of portents of the future, as is Liszt's Grand Duo Concertante, even if the latter, an extreme rarity at recitals, represents the taste of a bygone age. In fact it is a a bygone age. In fact it is a potpourri of Italian-styled melodies that undergo fantastic elaborations which this performance brought exhilaratingly

After this agreeable high-wire act Debussy's Sonata pro-vided the aptest contrast, particularly when delivered with Ricci and Ogdon's refined decisiveness. Their interpretation was both chaste and passionate, typifying the best sort of paradox. Next, Joachim's until-now forgotten yet highly effective transcription of List's effective transcription of Listz

Hungarian Rhapsody No 12, which not unexpectedly found both artists in their element.

Then, after a work by a pianist-composer arranged by a violinist, we heard a piece by a violinist which was given a new perspective by a composer. perspective by a composer-pianist. Szymanowski's excep-tionally imaginative keyboard accompaniment provides a glowingly sensuous setting for the icy glitter of Paganini's Caprice No 24, and Sunday's Paul Overy performance, too, was magical in its seeming abandon.

Two artists to learn trom

Schwarzkopf/Parsons Covent Garden

William Mann Every young aspiring singer

should make a point of attending a song recital by Elisabeth Schwarzkopf. Now, in an amazing St Martin's Summer of a long career, she has discovered sacrificing her prestige on the altar of hubris. In the Royal Opera House on

Sunday she and Geoffrey Parsons, her planist, surveyed a range of fine songs, not in the conventional chronological groups, but linking diverse songs through a common mood. On the one hand it shakes an entertaining concert, by the diversity of choice and the real arristry of the performances; on the other hand it makes the listener aware of how several composers have approached a similar emotional situation.

Connoisseurs of singing will also appreciate how brilliantly Schwarzkopf deploys her art, like the truest professional, so that the voice is never heard her,

to disadvantage, the music always to advantage. In this enterprise Mr Parsons's canny. never subservient partnership commands high commendation: he knows how to play encour-Aspiring plano accompanists recitals as well.

song, even those concerned with girls younger than her admirted self, was instant and complete; only her distortion of yowels seemed regrettable, perhaps unnecessary. She lavished her audience with delectable encores. There was talk, a while ego, of her impending retirement: it is not yet due by a long way. We have too much still to learn from

Verdi and Holst at Haddo House

The Haddo House Choral Society will be giving four performances of Verdi's Attila in Aberdeen from March 23 to

agingly, never submissively. should be obliged to attend their In the first half of the recital Schwarzkopf restrained a way to exercise and extend volume, used her chest register ther artistry, illuminating discreedy and well, projected music and teaching many a lessengery without effort on that son in interpretation, without Schubert's "Der Einseme"

came across clearly, in detail, came across clearly, in detail, unforced. Her voice was all golden in Wolf's "Fusreise", though not always ideally legato, her florid technique enchanting in the same composer's "Nixe Binsefuss". The group from Wolf's Italian Songbook brought most illumination through subtleties of inflection, breathing, and vocal colouration.

Merch 26. Later in the year there will be a concert, also at Haddo House, where the programme includes Holst's Choral Symphony, Walton's Belshaz-zar's Feast and Delius's Seadrift. The date is May 15.

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during his residence in England
as court painter to Charles I,
it is the more welcome an addition as until now—though van in the contrast it is the more welcome an addition as until now—though van Dyck's English period is so well represented in the portraits in the Royal Collection and in many English houses—the National Gallery has had only two products of his stay in England from 1632 onwards, the picture "in greate" of Charles I on horsely and a miner work. horseback and a minor work, the portrait in Indian costume of William Feilding, 1st Earl of William of Denbigh.

or Denbigh.

Imposing as the King's equestrian portrait is, there was evident room for such a rendering of the elegance of courtly female society as the picture of the two titled ladies

about 1637, in which year Dorothy, the elder of the two sisters, was married to Viscount Andover, a winged Cupid presenting floral tribute no doubt to celebrate the account of the acquirement of the type of double-portrait in which wan Dyck excelled. But the distance of the method of purchase. Coming from the to celebrate the occasion. The removal of varnish has shown the picture to be in perfect condition and van Dyck is seen to full advantage as a colourist in the contrasts and harmonies of cool and warm tones. The of cool and warm tones. The hands of the figures are in themselves an epitome of grace and refinement, the dresses are a richly patterned system of folds. As a lesson in aristo-cranic portraiture the work could not fail to impress a folcould not rail to imprass a fol-lower such as Peter Lely and it is not surprising that it ap-peared in the sale of Lely's effects in 1682. The sensitive reciprocal action between van Dyck's ganius and the quality of the society to which he be-came attached was, however, beyond imitation. beyond imitation.
A main cause for satisfac-

tion is the acquirement of the type of double-portrait in which van Dyck excelled. But the Gallery stresses also the material advantage of the method of purchase. Coming from the famous collection of the Spencers of Althorp, the picture was bought from the present Lord Spencer for an undisclosed sum under private treaty arrange. under private treaty arrange-ments. This arrangement means that sales of such privately owned works of art to national collections do not incur any tax liability as normally arises in the open market. Thus it seems everyone is satisfied, not ex-cluding the Treasury. In the same way the Gallery in recent: years has obtained for the nation paintings of importance by Velasquez and Rembrandt from other private collections to the ultimate benefit of the public. The van Dyck is now on miblic disclar to Rembrands public. The van Dyck is now on public display in Room 21 of the National Gallery.

William Gaunt

The Russian-Japanese planist The youthful, outgoing world Aleksei Takenouchi proved to of Schubert's "Der Museube an artist still in the process of formation. His rhythm was unsettled, and sometimes control was lost in the excitement fresh within well controlled from moment so that his parof the moment, so that his per-formance of Mozart's A minor rondo, for instance, lacked finesse. So, too, did his account of Besthoven's C major sonata, Op 2 No 3, where there was too much clang and clatter in the tone, and in some pieces by Debussy his inability to make fine distinctions could not but spoil the music. not but spoil the music.

awful Rameau transcriptions by Godowsky. He was also able to give a big performance of Balakirer's Islamey, which had plenty of abandoned feeling to make up for the absence of make up for the absence of subtlety of colouring.

Paul Griffiths

fresh within well controlled phrasing qualities which were often unsure in the remaining songs of her Schubert and Beethoven groups.

One suspects that perves led to a certain dightness, uneven breathing and reliance on a part of the recital, as Miss. Metcalfe's technique saemed from time to time unpredic-

But the recital was not without positive features. In particular, Mr Takenouchi has an ability to bring our the grand virtuoso flourish without making himself seem ridiculous, astringency. Both here, in a polished performance, and in polished performance, and in "A Scena for Lady Macbeth", a setting by Joseph Horowitz of part of the sleep-walking scene, Miss Metcalle showed a fine fashing for the projection of the drama. David Harper's piano playing helped.

Keith Horner

Stratford winter season extended

The Royal Shakespeare
Theatre's season of "Winter
Visitors" due to end on March
5 is to be extended by three
weeks. Two RSC productions
from the Aldwych Theatre,
Wild Oats by John O'Keeffe
and Old World by Aleksei
Arbuzov, will visit Stratford-onAvon during the extended
period, together with the recent
revival of Salad Days from the
Duke of York's Theatre,
Wild Oats will alay from Wild Outs will play from March 8 to March 12, with Alan

Howard as the strolling actor Rover, Lisa Harrow as the Quaker Lady Amaranth, Joe Melia as John Dory and Norman Rodway as Sir George Thunder. It will return to the Aldwych immediately after its Stretford visit.

March 14 to 19 sees Salad Days with the London company. Arbuzov's play for two actors, old World, will be seen with peggy Ashcroft and Anthony Quayle from March 22 to March 26. For her performance in Old World Peggy Ashcroft won the SWET 1976 Best Actress

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Extended to 13 March Pompeii comes to life at the Royal Academy.

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Van Dyck: Lady Elizabeth Thimbleby and Dorothy, Viscountess Andover

LPO/Boult, Rattle Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

Sunday's concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra was divided between two conductors, Sir Adrian Boult and Simon Rattle, who might be related as great-grandfather to great-grandson. It was a contrast, as the programme book somewhat thin and brassy tactfully put it, of "youth and under Mr Rattle, they pulled experience", and the works played were such as to emphasize that. Mr Rattle conducted Rachmaninov's first piano concerto, which dates in essentials or from conductor. Vaughan from the composer's student williams's ninth symphony years, while Sir Adrian chose a work written by a man at almost his own age, the ninth symphony and sir almost his own age, the ninth symphony rages internally, at least in its central movements, and Sir Adrian was alert to every crude almost his own age, the minth symphony of Vaughan Williams.

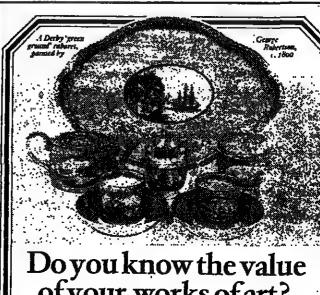
Addrain was agent to every crude in the score. At the end, how-Given the vast gulf between Rachmaninov's scoring and that of Vaughan Williams, it would be difficult to say how much

the orchestra responded differently to their two conductors. Yer certainly Mr Rattle's part of the programme was full of youthful ebullience. He began with Berlioz's overture Le Corsaire, and showed in that a flair for exciting tempos, though the orchestra were not always precisely with him, In the concerto his drive was warrend in the solo part he was matched in the solo part by Peter Katin.

If the orchestra had seemed out a fuller sound for Vaughan Williams and Sir Adrian. It was, however, no old man's vision of tranquillity or fulfil-ment, whether from composer ever, came the strength of certainty, and a feeling of hard-won repose after so much storm and struggle. Udine Art Restoration Fund

The Udine Art Restoration Fund, founded last September with the aim of assisting in the rescue and emergency treat-ment of works of art damaged in the Friuli earthquakes, will tenefit from two forthcoming events in London.

On March 9 an exhibition of old master drawings presented by Adolphe Stein opens at the Covent Garden Gallery, 20 Russell Street, WC2, where the catalogues will be sold in aid of the fund, and on March 12 "Master Classes" are organizing, a whole-day, visit to see pictures by Sebastiano Ricci in London, taking in Burlington House, the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Chiswick House and Hampton Court Palace. The guide will be Jeffery Daniels, On March 9 an exhibition of guide will be Jeffery Daniels, the authority on Ricci; the fund will benefit by £10 per participant, and further details may be obtained from "Master Classes" (492 1705).



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Success will depend on own efforts

by Patrick O'Leary

Great Yarmouth has invested Cigar smoke and American and industrial expansion.

demand two years ago and of the coffee and the quality there is still plenty of space of the service. I wonder available at about £2 a sq fr what the visitors make of one annual rent. Another development, a shopping centre at the heart of the old town, Cowtown, USA.

Anatt from port-based comis still gathering momentum. Apart from port-based com-

sandbank at the mouth of an estuary. Once this was the centre of Europe's herring industry, reaching its height just before the First World War. Now just two or three small boats go out, and if you must have bloaters for grumble. "We have had to the important from Aberdeen or even farther away.

a broad stretch of the river Yare which runs for two to three miles parallel to the sea before swinging at right angles to form the harbour mouth. This is at the southern end of what became the Yarmouth peninsula, after the northern route to the sea near Caister silted up.

Three rollon roll-off shire.

of North Denes airfield, while taxis take Texans to Heathrow airport or Aber-

in the treble chance. The accents hung in the air at town's economic future is my hotel on the seafront, based on its port, its beaches and the porter had more Herald Tribunes than Daily These have served it well Telegraphs. The transaclantic in the past. But an attempt influence seemed to have in-to join the office boom flated prices, but to have had coincided with the decline in a good effect on the strength

You sense that the men merce, which includes a long eastern Norfolk realize they will have to rely on their relies heavily on light enough the through. Local food. This is a natural government reorganization sequel to being the market to join the twin towns of rich, low-lying fields of East Yarmouth and Gorleston. Anglia.

Yarmouth and Gorleston, Anglia.

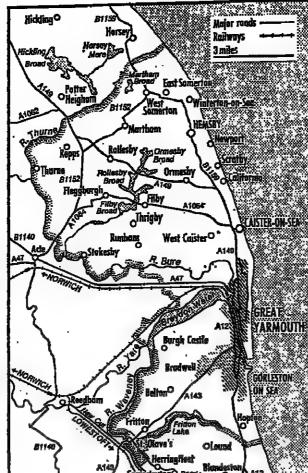
Taising the total population of the borough to 75,000.

But the Norfolk Broads segregated. Wharves line and rivers, and the inade-quate road and rail links, tories are grouped mainly in impede access to the rest of the country and, to add to its of the Yarmouth lies on what was originally an island sandbank at the mouth of an estuary. Once this was the sandy beaches.

an import from Aberdeen or even farther away.

However, in the past few years ships with unfamiliar shapes have filled the Haven, a broad stretch of the river Yare which runs for two to three miles parallel to the sea before swinging at right angles to form the harbour mouth. This is at the southern end of wise became the Yarmouth peninsula.

The holiday season lasts only 18 weeks", port users ratort. "We provide jobs all the year round." The graceful monument to Norfolk born Nelson, which was rected nearly a quarter of a century before the one in Trafalgar Square, rises southern end of wise became the Yarmouth peninsula.



the Yarmouth peninsula, after the northern route to the sea near Caster sitted up.

Three roll-on, roll-off ships shuttle daily to and from The Hague's poor of Scheveningen. Above all, the North Sea's harvest of natural gas and oil made Yarmouth a boom town well before similar prosperity reached Aberdeen. Our of sight of the coast offshore rigs and platforms stretch from the latitude of the Yare to that of the Humber.

Gas is piped ashore at Bacton in Norfolk, and at Bacton in Norfolk, and at Sacton in Norfolk, and at Toyal arms with its own, transmission in Ideless of Great Yarmouth district, show and oil made yarmouth as between the Hague's poor of Scheveningen. Above all, the North Sea's harvest of natural gas and oil made Yarmouth a boom town well before similer the coast, seems unwaiting to find a handsome victorian were separated by six miles of water rather than fields to Gordeston, and this has to be raised and lowered and lowered the played leading roles in the to allow ships to pass there eight times between though the port on their lating as a reward Edward III was to not played be raised and lowered there eight times between though the port on their lating the royal arms with its own, transmission of the talls of Great Yarmouth district, standard to the coast, seems unwaiting to make your possible the coast, seems unwaiting to make your possible to the north bearing the coast, seems unwaiting to find a handsome victorian be raised and lowered and lowered the recording that Edward VII.

Yarmouth but the district's improve cross-country roads allowed to the coast, seems unwaiting new factories.

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Now the late season visitors are penioners taking but the coast, seems unwaiting new factories.

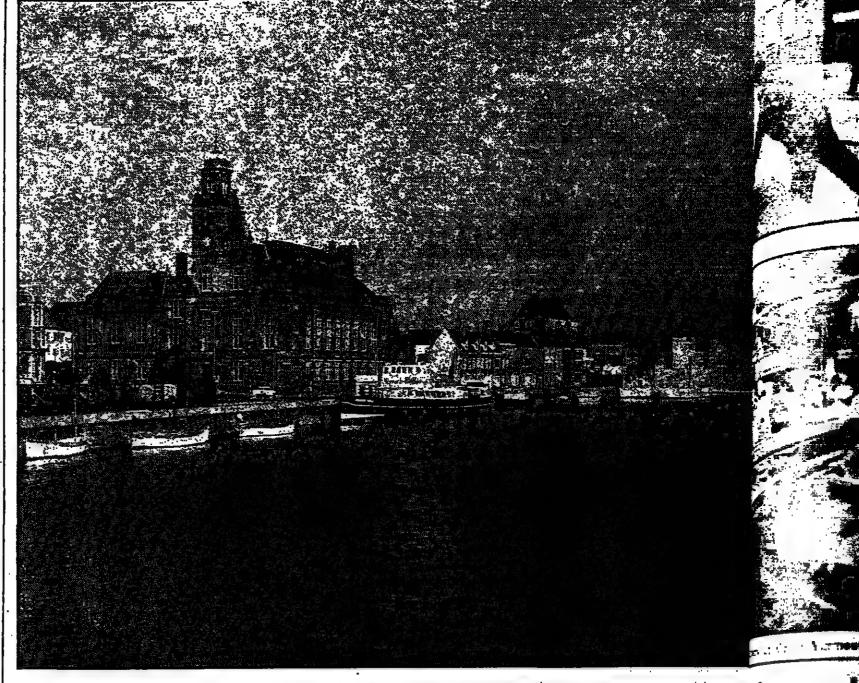
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attention from the Luftwaffe, than doubles, with 90,000 "Hitler did most of our slum beds available in hotels clearance for us", a resident farms, boarding houses, said, "and with little loss chalets and caravans, with of life". out adding the bunks in the There is still resentment cruisers on the Broads. For



Great Yarmouth is

range of employers and stabilize its foundations. As

a holiday resort it is used

to welcoming strangers with

open arms and a warm smile. But it is keeping a special

who arrives unexpectedly one day, seeking a 25-acre

Development area mooted to welcome industry

sown steelf, was built on nificance was mooted. If it jobs within five years. Pesta send, a suspect foundation, The golden sand helped to make it a major holiday respect to the send, and the rest of the send, and the maker to make it a major holiday respect to the send, and the maker area. For the Association of special rigs for drilling sont, and the river Yere that Industrial Devalopment Official stresses walls is negatively the borough became the new arrivals. world's main herring fishery

intensive traviling by foreign boats, and today not a can do is press for improvesingle fish is landed on dreds of local and Scots

Fortunately prolonged efforts to give Great Yar-mouth a broader and more diverse industrial base had proved successful to an ex-tent, and factories that moved in allowed residents to work year-round. The loss of the fishing was a severe blow, but in 1964 the new barvest of the sea—offshore oil and natural gas-brought salvation and com-

There were more perma-nent jobs, the harbour was and the economy was on a printing, basketry, plastic firmer footing than it had signs, furniture, engineering firmer footing than it had ever been. But despite the injection of manufacturing industry and Great Yarmouth's new role as the first
North Sea project base, servicing and supporting there remains an imbakence North Sea activity with a that needs remedying and 3,500-strong payroll (about the campaign to attract new-tomers offering work control) and that figure could tinues.

Those companies that account employees a have transferred to Great tered from the town. Yarmouth must have done In the 1970s the privater so because of its distinct ad-developed Harfreys indusvantages: good sites, port trial estate has grown from with 24-hour accessibility, grazing marshes into 100 proximity to Europe acres housing 40 firms with (nearer to Rotterdam than 900 employees at a cust of to London), reliability and about f3m. Although Haradaptability of local labour freys is not as labour-inten-with its excellent industrial sive as Great Yarmouth relations record, rich agri- Borough Council hoped in with its excellent industrial Borough Council investment relations record, rich agri- Borough Council investment in the might be, and at one time disappointment in the disappoi borough council's key there was disappointment worker housing scheme, the that instead of attracting comparative cheapness of newcomers it was merely private homes, and the over- accommodating local firms all pleasanmess of being in moving into custom-built prepursuits and on the fringe of the Norfolk Broads.

Those entries on the credit side have outweighed the disadvantage that, despite the town's obvious problems, ment area. Those industrialists who have chosen to set
up there have done so the companies.

Despite the economic gloom and financial retrenchment there is some out the companies. up there have done so with in the Great Yarmouth out the help and incentives ozone. For instance, the given to places in scheduled biggest employer—Birds Eye development areas. They Foods—plans to spend have also decided that Great £2.3m on improving its Yarmouth's attractions out beefburger and meat produc

weigh the fact that it is not tion at Great Yarmouth. Eris well served by roads, either Electronics, now part of ITI, internal or linking with spent £350,000 on new equipregions like the Midlands ment to improve efficiency and North.

The economy of Great Yar- and North.

In 1976 and expects to mouth, like the Norfolk Last month a plan of sig. expand and offer 300 extra

sont, and the river Yere that Industrial Development Offibisects the beaches as it cars has decided to lobby for flows auto the North Sea East Anglia to be deemed a enabled a port so thrive and development area and hence 40. rising to 100 by 1980. more attractive to potential

borough of 76,000 inhahi According to the association's chief executive, Mr lation reckoned at almost John Killip, "East Anglia 37,000. During 1976 unemtants, with an insured poputhe sesside popularity and would be a boom area if it ployment averaged 6.3 per the seaside popularity and was redesignated a develop-tive herring fishing were sea. was redesignated a develop-ment area." He claimed that sonal, one in summer and East Anglia was bottom of the other autumn, so this the "industrial inquiry" percentage of people want-ing work fell to 3.9 per cent. the other autumn, so this the "industrial inquiry" ancient borough suffered table, and that the interest The December 1976 percentage was 7 per cent, with 2,606 jobless. from a fluctuating employ of inquirers evaporated when they learnt it was not a development area. Whether it is boom or gloom time, the borough re-mains anxious to vary its

As for the main routes to and from Great Yarmouth, dualling of roads, including the A47 (Birmingham). It is striving like other East "silver derthings" were Anglian ports for the build-frammed out" from bun- ing as a trunk road of the freds of local and Score "missing link"—an A1-M1 site for a predominantly male labour-intensive operalink—the so-called "trade route to Europe", in the southern Midlands.

Disregarding the holiday industry, the biggest employ ment group is food processing. It includes quick freezing, canning, pasta, curing. pasta, malting and fish curing. Up to 4,500 people work in the industry. Making electronic components and moulded pulp products like egg trays are also important sources of employment. Others include the oil-fired power station, shipbuilding reactivated, and repair, timber-importing bandage-weaving, sacks, card-board boxes, and leisure and workers' clothing.

reach 5,000 if it takes into that account employees admini-

In the 1970s the privately area geared to holiday mises, the developers rightly regard it as a success story.

Another private enterprise venture, the Gapton Hall estate, is planned next door. Inquiries have been received from interested companies.

for a factory site where the initial labour force will b

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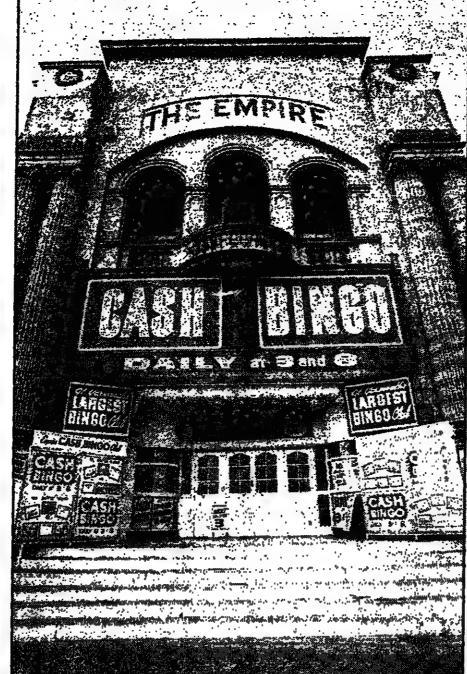


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Eye factory at Great Yarmouth. Top: loading supplies for North Sea oil rig supplies. Right: new life for an old cinema

ace for real breakfast

Victoria Build large boarding houses and fraction of those available in calm stretches of water by decided to huse holiday camps are full. Chelets and caravans along created by the digging of the coast. Owners now shy turf for peat fires in the same way that the from Great Yarmouth are included.

The Brighton on Science of the president of Great Yarmouth Holiday camp, preferring past. Some of the prettiest villages, and most attractive pubs, are in this Broadland. On the seafront at Yarmouth operation with publidings, one Association, said: "The large, Blue Sky Caravan Park, ow the Masonic industry has gone on for 100 California Sends Estate, and forme which lives up to its fine cast iron I can never remember having and a pair of a bad season.

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s give up bet said. catering holidays are 25 per ro spend the Bur he added: "The town cent up on 1976, and perhaps because this is needs confidence in the holi- 15 to 20 per cent on full

re how much is community a service." boat hire business, as district where The 9,000 or more beds is another big operator,

Oil men staying

Ecclestone, a former mayor to support the itinerant ex for Scorkand parts who had turned their because of attention to this latest ex for difficulties.

1688 the most was filled in and people put buildings against the walls. Now, whenever we receive a planilled in ploration area. Executive Great Yarmouth, expecting record hard times and having to there rely on its other forms of work for the state of ning application for eny-thing near the walls we stipulate room should be support, holiday trade and until at least the end of the industry, when fishing failed century and, even if some left for a 5ft path. We are trying to establish a complete walk round them."

The round has two first believed to the compenies launched to the c The town has two fine churches, dedicated to St Nicholas and St George. The lirst was founded in 1101, but was destroyed in the but was destroyed in the war and has since been continuous and successful to the local people started living businesses, looking far with, and learning about, a beyond the North Sea. From war and has since been continuous and successful to the local people started living businesses, looking far with, and learning about, a beyond the North Sea. From

most parish churches.

St George's, dating from 1714, has been closed for years. But Councillor Ecclestone said it was hoped to turn it into a concert hall idea was less than 100 miles Great Yarmouth firms to oil from the Continent and are convenient by air or shore Marine, the port is its sea for the drilling positions principal operations base on sites like the Leman and world wide for its fleet of Hewett Banks, possessed a 28 supply ships. Products and services are turn it into a concert hall idea was less than 100 miles Great Yarmouth firms to oil from the Continent and are convenient by air or shore Marine, the port is its sea for the drilling positions principal operations base on sites like the Leman and world wide for its fleet of Hewett Banks, possessed a 28 supply ships.

Regent Street. It is a reminder that Sir John Fastolf, sometimes given the dubious honour of being the model for Shakespeare's Falto the north at Caister Castle.

Another historical may have been relates to No 4 South Quay, an Elizabethan and Georgian mansion which belonged to a friend of Oliver Cromwell. It has been suggested that the fate of Charles I was decided at a meeting of Roundhead Yarmouth where naturally wival necessity but necessity but a natural progression. While believing that the town will continue to live on its present activities, he externed. The excitement has been transferred to Scottish ports and northern waters, but the town continues to have an important role in the British oil operation even though it is a mundane one.

Offshore energy and its been suggested that the fate of Charles I was decided at a meeting of Roundhead Yarmouth where naturally vival necessity but natural progression.

While believing that the town will continue to live on its present activities, he expenses of the point of the point of the point of the secured your home market and flexed your industrial muscles, you look abroad. This is particularly apt in on an international industry like this which recognizes on national boundaries." of Charles I was decided at a meeting of Roundhead generals in the house in Yarmouth where naturally there are occasionally fears that the North Sea bubble

Two hundred years later Charles Dickens visited Yarmouth, and introduced it into David Copperfield. In the northern corner of the Market Square is the house where Anna Sewell, author

families will hold a confer-ence on the course.

Wartims bombing and

where Anna Sewell, author of Black Beauty, was born. It is being restored.

The irascible George Borrow took his wife to Yarmouth in 1853 for her health. They stayed until 1860, but Borrow himself passed most of his time in what a biographer called "a series of Anglo-Celtic philologicoperipatetic exercises over Cornwall, Wales, the Isle of Man, East Anglia, Scotland

However, he did find time to complete The Romany Rye during his residence at the

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true for peat fires in the past. Some of the prettiest in the nation, relieving in part in the pubs, are in this Broadland.

On the sesfront at Yarmouth are funfairs and live theatres, including a Hippodrom which lives up to its name by housing a circus. There have been two piers since the 1850s, although both have been renewed.

Earlier in the ninsteenth century Army officers held races to match their horses against each other. Seven meetings now take place during the summer on the course built in 1922. In May 1,000 members of the Round Table and their families will hold a confer-store are the course.

There have been renewed.

The differs that humed it the world's leading herring port.

The differs that humed herring ships and tugs are winter with its ships and tugs are winter when in the harbour: they are shepherded safely the consequent loss of jobs. Unconfirmed rumours like the consequent loss of jobs. Little ships of sterner purbetter time for Great Yarmouth operation with first tend to be more circle when it all began, was it loss the present when it should be the consequent loss of jobs. Little ships of she the consequent loss of jobs. Little ships of she the consequent loss of jobs. Little ships of she the consequent loss of jobs. Little ships of the carriers when a fisher the consequent loss of jobs.

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> Executives have gone on record as confident that there is offshore-oriented work for Great Yarmouth

way of life. control work in the Middle
The Norfolk resort was East, West Africa and the
tailor-made for oil business. For East. In the case of Off-It was convenient by air or shore Marine, the port is its

and arts centre when money was available.

Among other buildings worth noting is Fastolf House, a rather neglected piece of Art Nouveau in true, was less than 100 miles Great Yarmouth firms to oil operations in various parts of the globe. Mr Eric Gilmour, manager of Great Yarmouth's Employment Those days of the late Services According to t House, a rather neglected piece of Art Nouveau in 1960s when deep-probing that exporting is not a surdrills penetrated reservoirs vival necessity but a reminder that Sir John Fasof under-sea natural gas and natural programs.

prop to the economy of Great
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there are occasionally fears
that the North Sea bubble
might burst and put its wellbeing into jeopardy.

Statistics show the vital
contribution the offshore industry makes to the town's
livelihood. For 200 firms,
big and small, are stationed
there, servicing, supporting demands of the oil industry

Their combined payroll is about 3,500—nearly 10 per cent of the district's estimated insured population of 37,000. And it is reckuned that the 3,500 would jump to 5,000 if men administered industry in Great Yarmouth have adapted themselves to its problem sorting timetable. You can call someone at midnight here and they turn out. They're competitive".

Port given new life

Last year the port handled angles to join the sea, and can provide anchorage for 1,331,390 tons of shipping. It the north pier going out ships sheltering from heavy was made up of more than farther than the south, to weather.

3,000 movements by North prevent drifting sand build.

But the sea can take its toll. When Captain W. G.

At high water ships up to 320ft long with a draught of 18ft 6in can use the docks. The width of the main channel ranges from 200ft to 400ft, and the small variavessels can enter or leave at any time. Some work has been done

some work has been done by Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners on a new berth at Spending Beach, near the mouth of the river Yare, to take larger ships. But financial backing of millions of pounds might be required to complete it.

The port already has a three-ship, roll-on, roll-off trailer service to the Continent. Norfolk Line operates daily between Yarmouth and Scheveningen, Holland, with road services going deep into Europe. But, as with other sion in trade with EEC and a bloater shop behind. countries forecast before Britain's entry has been slower than expected. Yet slower than expected. Yet some of the busiest centres, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Antwerp and Dunkirk, are only a few hours' sailing

away. However, since 1964 the arrival of many companies connected with North Sea gas and oil exploration and extraction has put new life into the port. Even the ancient shipbuilding industry has revived, with Richards shipyard producing tugs and

bigger vessels.
Older industries, like the importing of timber from the Baltic, still thrive. Other products passing through in-clude grains, salt, oil, petrol fertilizers, paper pulp, cement, fruit, vegetables, machinery, sugar, scrap metal, and an export line in second-hand caravans dis-carded by local holiday

parks. In addition to the port the haven commissioners are responsible for the area of inland navigation known popularly as Broadland. This includes about 130 miles of waterways based on the rivers Yare, Bure and Waveney and their tribu-taries. It is not unknown for inexperienced holiday makers to bring their Broads cruisers through the busy

quays and equipment

It has always cost money wartims bombing and subsequent demolition of houses have helped to unfor the ex-fishermen in the opened in Scotland, but the southern approach silted treamth-century town walls. Councillor Arthur William Ecclestone, a former mayor to support the innerant ex-forms the southern approach silted up, threatening to cut off the vessels, but the arrivals en Yamouth premises. One or listed office staff and labour two that did leave Norfolk to support the innerant ex-form Scotland returned to support the innerant ex-forms the men Caister. Seven times the men river from the sea, as had already happened at the northern entrance near Caister. Seven times the men of the town opened it again, the last time in Elizabeth Ps reign with the help of a Dutchman named Johnson. He suggested the modern layout of the harbour entrance, with the river channel finally cut at right

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Yarmouth

Anyone who thinks state interference with commerce is a twentieth-century innovarion should reflect that a Statute of Herrings enacted in 1357 fixed maximum prices for a last of 10,000 locally as restaurateurs. A pold-planed cross was thrown into the sea from the jetty ment voted a £500,000 subsidy to the industry, paying a bounty to owners who reequipped their vessels for deep-sea fishing.

Now, this great trade is almost at an end, leaving just a few fishermen curers and a binaner shoo behind. experienced swimmer. prices for a last of 10,000 herring. In the middle of the eighteenth century Parliament voted a £500,000 sub-

and a bloaver shop behind.

toll. When Captain W. G. Manby, a school fellow of Nelson, saw a ship sink offshore in 1807, he was appalled at having to watch people drown while helpless yarmouth had been Manby, a school fellow of granted its first charter by King John, but it was that received from Queen Elizabeth in 1559 which gave it the right to hold its own Admiralty Court for marine Admiralty Court for marine cases. Pirates were read in perfecting a mortar which Admiralty Court for marine cases. Pirates were tried in the ancient Tollhouse as late as 1823, and the court did to ship, an apparatus which saved many lives and was not disappear for another the forerunner of today's perfecting a mortar which rocket equipment.

The arrival of Greek Cyprior immigrants in Yar-mouth has added colour to relations with the sea, relations with the sea, although they are best known locally as restaurateurs. A

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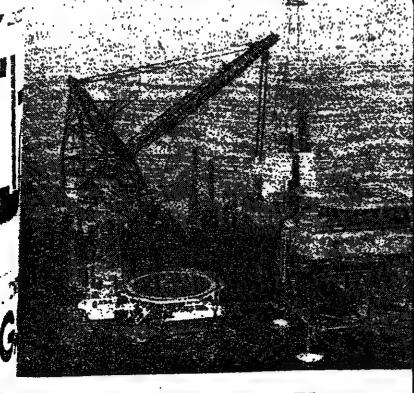
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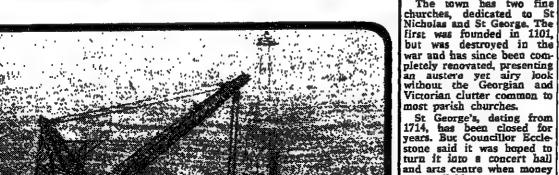


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Here is a suitably positive report on the State of the Nation

Evans, of the TGWU, that the newspapers in this country should operate under licence (Mr David Astor, and one or two people even nearer to this typewriter, might be pardoned for believing that Mr Evans's interesting proposal has already been put into effect) was not the only item worthy of comment that emerged from the one-day conference of trade union representatives at which it was made. Mr Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, was no less dissatisfied with the way the newspapers report trade union affairs, though he did not commit himself to support of Mr Evans. Instead, he proposed that the newspapers and broadcasting organizations should go in for "more positive" reporting of industrial affairs.

His suggestion, as you may imagine, struck a sympathetic chord in me. I have often felt that the work and achievements of our trades union are not approached, by those charged with conveying news of them to the public in a sufficiently respectful and helpful spirit, and I have as frequently wondered what I could do to help change so unsatisfactory a state of affairs.

Of course, Mr Moss Evans's advocacy of a system of licences, within the terms of which the press would be obliged to operate, would, if it carried the day, solve the problem automatically, for whatever else such licences might proscribe or eujoin, there would hardly be any point in there would hardly be any point in instituting the arrangements at all if there were no provision making it

a breach of the licensing terms, leading to the immediate revocation of the permission to publish, to speak disrespectfully of—to take a figure wholly at random-the successor to Mr Jack Jones as General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union. It is all very well for this newspaper to publish, as it did on Saturday last, a leading article condemning Mr Evans's modest proposal on, as far as I could gather, no better ground than that the licensing of the press had been abolished in 1695 and that they have a warre long in 1695 and that that was a very long time ago. It is easy to criticize; but what constructive proposals did the

leading article contain for meeting Mr Evans's complaint? None, I fear. That charge—of pulling down with-out also building up—can at any rate not be levelled at me. Helpful as ever. I wish today to put forward an account of various trade union matters which will, I hope, serve a triple purpose; to make amends for the unhelpful tone of the leading article I have mentioned, to ensure that when the licences are being given out under the lex cvansensis. I shall be sure to get one, and above all to meet Mr Murray's request for "positive reporting" of the grades positive reporting of the trades unions and their activities. Should my approach find favour, I can assure him of my willingness to produce as much more as may be required, to

match my sample.

An account of the present troubles at British Leyland, for instance,

would go like this:

Workers at all British Leyland factories, acting entirely on their own initiative, have put into operation a brilliant scheme for avoiding the

danger—dreaded by all wise and tar-secing workers—of over-production. (There is, of course, no over-produc-tion at all at British Leyland, a fact which only emphasizes the foresight of the car-workers, who are clearly determined not to walt until the last minute before putting in hand their admirable work of preventing it.) The method they have chosen is to stop work for an indefinite period; this, of course, will reduce output sub-stantially at once, and after a short time stop it altogether, thus achieving the desired end. Indeed, some of the car-workers involved in promoting the scheme are so far-sighted as to

the scheme are so hir agnitudes of the firm and dismantling of its buildings, which would make overproduction not only unlikely, but entirely, impossible. That, I think, must be the sort of positive reporting Mr Murray has in mind, and even the most devoted practitioner of the negative kind will have to admit that, if it were to catch on, it would hardly be necessary for the newspapers to ask hir Moss Evans for a licence. But of course it can take many forms. Here is another

such item:

world—not just the Sahara. The knowledge guined so far will be pooled at a UN conference in Nairobi in August to assess the axtent of change caused by climatic fluctuations, the impact of buman activity, and what technology can be adopted to belin people who live in these

help people who live in these regions without creating irre-

versible ecological damage. A number of countries have

already prepared proposals of

the development projects that

could show how to stop the advance of the desert. One from the Sudanese National

Council for Research would cost about £18 million. It

covers nine projects to fix sand dunes threatening water sup-plies and fertile districts, to

conserve water, to reseed and

replant marginal lands over which layers of sand are gradu-

ally building, and to introduce new ideas for crop rotation and grazing patterns for nemads.

The types of shrubs and plants to stabilize sand dunes

have been tested on the shifting sands round El Bashiri. Out-lining this work Sayed-Wadi

Habashi, president of the National Council for Research,

stressed that desert encroach-

ment was largely a man-made

phenomenon caused by such

and misuse pressures as over-

grazing, irrational cultivation,

wood cutting, uprooting of shrubs and lowering of water

tables from increased animal

Cultivation in marginal areas

was especially dangerous and perhaps the major contributor

to desert creep. When dry years

follow a year of rainfall, culti-vated soil is in danger of being swept away as fine silt by the

prevailing winds.
Sayed Habashi indicated some

of the obvious sociological diffi-

culties in planning graxing policies that altered behaviour patterns which had persisted for hundreds of generations.

Possible remedies varied be-

tween countries and regions.
In the Sudan, for example, the

nomads are not the poorest group in the community. Indeed

the most successful ones carry

permanent base from which a seasonal migration in search of water and pasture is made by a

Pearce Wright

Science Correspondent

few people.

out large scale cultivation at a

rich item:

Fifty-one-year-old Mr John Smith, who has worked for British Rail for 34 years, is this morning looking forward eagerly, along with his wife and six children, to a long and happy retirement. Of course, Mr Smith is nowhere near retiring age, and was not expecting to give up work for another 14 years: he has his union to thank for the leisure ahead. Branch officials, having discovered that Mr Smith is a devour Christian who believes it sinful to be a member of any organization not entirely composed of similar believers, insisted that he join the union himself though they realized he would be obliged, because of his

faith, to decline. They then told the management to sack him, and the management—fired by the union's own altruistic spirit-entered into the plan attrictic spirite entered into the plan to provide him with a 14-year unex-pected holiday by doing as they were told. Interviewed at his home today, Mr Smith said that he was enormously Mr Smith said that he was enormously touched by the generous action of his former colleagues; it was true that he did not know what he and his family would live on, and that he had not been asked whether he wished to give up work, but those were small matters compared to the great strengthening of his faith in human nature that the experience had given him.

Then again, it is well known-or at least it will be when Mr Murray's positive reporting and Mr Evans's licence-system are both the rule-that the number of strikes in this country has not just fallen; it has fallen almost to zero. A "positive" account of an unfortunate incident at one of the few remaining industrial disputes might go like this :

when pickets, representing the true interests of the entire workforce, were maintaining a vigil outside the premises of Messrs Elenkinsop and Treppengeländer (manufacturers of square bicyrle-wheels), they were approached by a group of workers—some 88 per cent of the total number of employees—who, misled by negative reporting, did not understand that they would be better off on strike, and thus insisted on working. Several pickets stepped forward to explain, politely and reasonably, the true state of affairs, when a number of the "blacklegs", ignoring reason altogether, proceeded to assault (with their heads) a number of iron bars and wooden clubs, which the pickets just happened to be holding.

As for the way in which the leaders of the great trades union movement are described, and their activities chronicled, a complete definition of negative reporting" could be deduced from it. How much better the state of affairs will be when positive reporting reinforced by licences, rules the day! We may then expect this sort of thing, for instance:

The great and good Mr Len Murray, statesmanlike General Secretary of the wise, moderate, forward-looking and-above all-innovatory—TUC, made a speech-nay, an oration—today. Belying, by his keen eye, his eloquent tongue and his upright bearing, his 54 years, he alternately roused his hearers to unheard-of heights of enthuslasm with the passion of his oratory and brought tears gushing to their eyes with the moving and sombre tones he was equally adept at producing as he was equally adept at producing, as he denounced—no, not denounced, for a man of Mr Murray's stature, magnanimity and charitableness would never denounce his fellow-men, so let us say understandingly and sorrowfully jelt obliged to criticize constructively—those who suggested that the trades union movement could possibly be improved in any way.

I hope that is the kind of thing Mr

Murray is thinking of, and that it is "positive" enough to meet his exacting standards. "Report me and my cause aright" was Hamlet's last request, and I think I can say that I have at any rate done that for Mr Murray. Perhaps, in return, he could draw Mr Moss Evans's attention to what I have written, and ask him to send the licence to me c/o The

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in the centre puts moderation FER OR out on a limb I regret that the occasion for convincing, popular def congratulating Mr John Mack- or justification of our

intosh on his accession to a political science chair at Edinburgh should have coincided with an article in The Times, January 24, disfigured by anti-intellectualism and by blanket denunciation of dissent from consensus politics.

It is not a question of whether I dislike being called extreme": it is that the attribution of extremism to analysis, as distinct from pro-posed policies, has helped create a climate which has deterred the analytical think-ing our situation calls for.

After all-as John Mackintosh himself recognizes—the question is not whether postwar consensus measures (when both parties seemed to com-pete for the Centre) failed, but why they failed. I believe that the search for the Centre led us to where we are now. For the Centre was a mov-

ing, not a fixed, point—always to the left of the Conservative Party, related to a point in the Labour Party between its own centre and left. The Labour party is the control of the contr left always pulled its party further left from where its internal status quo was at the time until the party reached a new accommodation. This, in turn, caused the middle point between the two parties to shift to the left.

The Conservatives, in order to be "moderate", centrist, then felt obliged to move towards Labour to gain the middle ground; Labour's left then pulled leftward and the whole procedure began again. It is pointless, therefore, for John Mackintosh to regret the leftward trend inside the Labour Party. His, and the Conservative middle-ground, fixation was bound to cause this. Nor can he logically claim that "if the state provides suitable conditions, the mixed economy will prosper", when by his own admission he does

not really know what is wrong with the national economy:
"... probably the answers its
deeper in British society
the real task is for all sectors of society to come to some conclusion about the nature of

these problems and to decide

Judging by results

He cannot call for a thorough-going reconsideration of our society and denounce as extreme any who dare raise questions. The com-mon aspirations which we share—a free responsible con-structive national society—are one thing. But policy packages calculated at one time or another to further their achievement - Beveridge, social contract—must not be re isfactory from a democratic garded as sacred; this could point of view. The growing only lead to fossilization.

The welfare state must be judged by results, not by aspirations. An erstwhile stast for ever-increasing state welfare, I cannot see that the results are so good that nothing needs changing. We, or many of us, have confused the need for provision with the need for the state to provide, and the results are disappoint ing-not only to Tories.

Nor can it be extreme to reexamine the mixed economy. Are its theoretical foundations really sound? What are the criwe are justified in appraising nationalization's effect on the economy in the light of a generation's experience. It has created wast monopolies with almost unlimited access to public money, able to write off losses and investments and to draw subsidies and resources; geared, thanks to immunity from bankruptry, to serve the interests of its workers and shop-stewards rather than those of the public. Is it extremist to seek ways to change this and to lighten the cumulative burden on the rest of the

economy? John Mackintosh is right in for Leeds North-East. observing "the lack of any @ Times Newspapers

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Shifting ground

As Adam Smith at Schumpeter warned very successes of ca have created conditic have blunted the zeal confidence of the wer job-creators. But the have certainly made worse by denigrating " fit motive" and teach generations of young that it is more "so distribute than to co spend than to earn. The been more successful crediting "capitalism" finding a better substitu This illustrates the of socialist "moderate between punitive ex

against capitalism and to allow the system better at the expense onward march of sociali

Causing the failures

So I cannot agree w Mackintosh that econo ore has caused, as he our ideological differ is rather the econo human fallacies under ideological consensus i caused our economic John Mackinosh enviously to the assumptions of Mr Co Mr Ford and of Herr and Herr Kohl

But it is not just the of assumptions that m too have had consens the quality and realist assumptions shared t.

The two pairs of a to whom John M refers each share assumptions. The A accept—with backs what we might call the what we might call the conservative philosop three major German p explicitly accept the order—what they end order—what they for social market phil Germany's policies he those associated with Friedman, whom John man denigrates not

Indeed, John Ma fellow Social Dame West Germany are "extreme"—to use ! ulary—in their belie market order. No, con fine and desirable, by if John Mackinton eramine the econor social philosophy of us whom he calls right-wing populists philosophy based on an honest a learn from experien spurious geometrical left. They are impr their old, out-date believing the more the more absurd and productive the results The readiness to h experience is relevimential the Conservation Many Conservative were infected by na list dependence on 👑 🦰 Some of those of us have drawn conclus experience that have place less reliance on the state's moni budgetary performs distinctions cannot rately portrayed by s as "left" and

as "left" and "amoderate" and "a reformer ' We all share the At rations for increasing. Re-examination s necessary. Epithet

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Pouring in Arab millions to reclaim the desert

For the first time the Arab countries can afford to exploit for agricultural purposes some immense tracts of semi-arid land between the deserts of North Africa and the fertile rain belts. Oil money from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States, Egyptian manpower and technical skills and Sudanese land is being married in a union that may prove more powerful than any forged as a military

Over the next 10 years this parmership will spend £2.75 billion to replace more than 40 per cent of food imports in the Middle East of cereals. meat, fruit and vegetables—plus corton—by irrigation schemes along the Nile valleys.

Optimism about this prograndme has to be tempered by other disturbing events, causing thousands of acres of land to be lost each year in areas where some sixty million nomads and subsistence farmers are faced with rapidly increasing soil The catastrophe is not con-

and the number of animals exposed to a slow death from this erosion is believed to be higher than in any other zone. An ugly word, desertification, has been coined to describe the

relentless creep of the desert into the semi-arid regions. Along one frontier of 1,200 kilometres where the deserand savannah meet in central Sudan, encroachment is advancing at five to six kilometres a

One group of people under threat are the inhabitants of El Bashiri, a beautiful village and an oasis that waters prob-ably 250,000 animals throughout a year. Twenty years ago the intertile Saharan sand was 150 kilometres away to the north. Now a semi-circle of glistening dunes are poised on the edge like a golden tidal wave about to break over the beach. The circumstances at El Bashiri are repeated at other precious cases throughout this part of the country.

Although the nature and Causes of soil erosion and desert

encroachment vary widely, one Common factor is the intensive cultivation and grazing by an increasing population—which is keeping larger herds of animals. made possible by the introduction of veterinary medicine services, in nomadic areas.

The effects of encroachment are disastrous. Food production continues to decline because of soil deterioration of land buried beneath sand. Wooded regions, supporting particularly the Acacia senegal from which the Acacta senegal from which the world's main supply of gum srabic is obtained, have been turned into barren wastes in the cutting of wood for fuel and charcoal. Acacia shrubs and the like which grew on the edge of Khartum are not to be found within 100 kilometres of the city.

The contribution to soil erosion by overcutting of trees in the Sudan also shows why the troubles are not exclusively those of the Third World. A survey of the use of wood and charcoal has been completed by Mrs Turi Hammer Digernes, a young Norwegian geography research student, who lived for six months in the remote town

Giving a preliminary account at the end of her stay, Mrs Digernes explained last week how the fuel supplies of these fined to the Sudan, where two rural and nomadic people had million people are at risk out also suffered from the price of a total population of 17 rises of oil over the past three million. But the amount of land years. As supplies of bottled also suffered from the price rises of oil over the past three years. As supplies of bottled gas and kerosene rose, townspeople returned increasingly to charcoal and wood.

Creating green belts

In spite of legislation passed by the Sudanese Government on the advice of the National Council for Research forbidding the cutting of young trees, the prac-tice continues with subsequent disastrous erosion. Action to combat these effects

on the edge of large conurba-tions like Tokar, Khutsum, Omdurman, Khartum, El Obeid and Nahud, has been taken by the Sudanese Soil Conservation Committee creating the equiva-ient of green belts around them. These and other meas-ures adopted for soil conservation alleviated some of the hardship of the disastrous droughts of 1968 to 1973 that caused such tragedy in the Sahelian countries of West Africa and in Ethiopia.

The Sudan forms part of that arid and semi-arid belt which suffered so greatly, and the shortage of rainfall wrought s high toll.

At the time of the Sahel drought Arab, African and Indian members of the United

devolution being dull Devolution has become a dull Nations environment and deveword even in Scotland. Does it lopment programmes accepted suggestions for collaboration to stop the creeping deserts of the world—not just the Sahara. The really convey the most mighty

It is daunting for anyone attempting to describe this great unshackling of nations that whatever scheme or permutation of schemes has been proposed, the general reactions appear at best peevish or at worst angrity hostile. Surely the essential quality which any successful scheme should have is a foundation of agreement and cooperation, yet both seem

to be absent in the current

debate. Few politicians speak with confidence about their propositions and the Bill which one Labour member saw as being an exterminator of the Scottish National Party, seems ania on its last voyage.

None the less new paint and plaster are being applied to the Royal High School, Edinburgh, where Scottish Assembly men hope to meet next year. One civil servant thought the building was important enough to be no worse for a refurbishing whatever happened to devolution. Another confessed icily that the very words Scottish assembly made him reach for his revolver

For Scots there is a strong sense of dėja vu about the debate, a feeling of walking down a long and well-trampled oad as all the argument and objection which has echoed around Scottish political campaigns for the last two years now has a sounding in Parlia-

Never before has Scotland's political temperature been so regulariy and thoroughly checked. The three main contenders for the popular vote remain teasingly neck and neck in public esteem, and the opinion polls maintain the paradox that Scotland wishes to remain loyal to the Union yet wants to be devolved, although the precise scope and scale the assembly will eventually achieve, how it should be financed and where the existing structure of local government and Scottish Office are to fit into the new pattern, promise to remain bitterly con-

troversial matters.

Long and oft I have discussed devolution with many Scots over the past three years and what emerges most clearly is an emotional wish for Scot-land's identity to be more pos-

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New paint and plaster can't stop

a feeling of walking down a long and well-trampled road

itively acknowledged and more direct control over the country's affairs to be vested in Scotland. This does not ignore the considerable autonomy already held by St Andrew's House or that local authorities such as Strathclyde directly control huge budgets.

According to many impartial observers, the weakness of the Government's position is that have not run true and the whole exercise has about it a strong whiff not only of expe-diency but of shifting princi-The fact that Keir Hardie

(1856-1915) first thought of the idea is really not enough. What did the Independent Labour Party actually do about this thought? There is also the timing of the Labour Party's eruption in the devolution It has coincided with the

sharp rise in popularity of the Scottish National Party when Labour seats in West of Scotland would seem the next logi-cal victims in the sweeping progress of the SNP; seats upon which the Labour Covernment relies heavily to remain in power.

The sudden cornucopia of

aid, assurances and parliamentary attention which the Government have emptied in Scotland may be a coincidence but sceptics are unimpressed and how did the voters of Scotland react to this burst of munificence? More of them than ever voted for the SNP, not because they had any sympathy for the basic SNP platform of independence, but because in the particular polir-ical-economic balance of the moment, with North Sea oil

adding credibility to nationalism and recession making the Labout Party unattractive, was the neatest way of achieving more for Scotland and emphasizing a Scottish iden-

Strong support for the Gov-ernment's devolution Bill north of the border revealed in the latest opnion poll could be an extension of this feeling. Many Scors support the measure not because they agree with it— they may even think it a bad Bill—but in the hope that it will eventually give a more pos-tive hold in the real reins which control Scotland.

Other Scots, some govern-ment ministers perhaps among them, believe one of the mos useful functions of a Scottish assembly will be to increase the public accountability of the Scottish Office and that if devolution achieves no more than this it would be a worth-

while exercise.

Mr Millan, Secretary of
State For Scotland, admitted in
the Commons last December that no person who had held the post of Secretary of State would say that the way the Scottish Office was accountable to Parliament was wholly sat workload at Westminster and the transfer of responsibilities resulting have increased this sense of isolation from the scrutinizing eye of Parliament.
The Scortish assembly committees would provide such a scrutiny although solving one problem invariably reveals

others. The debate has not satisfac-torily indicated how Scotland can justify having the same over-representation at West-minster after the Assembly has been set up or how civil servants with loyalties critically Scottish Office will operate efficiently.

Even more crucial, should the asembly achieve the same singular unpopularity as Scotland's new local government structure, how will the Nationalists be prevented from bundling the country further down the road towards what nearly 80 per cent of Scots believe would be unbeneficial independence? Finally, and poignantly, how inadequate to sum up such a delicate and complicated matter with such a dull and unattractive sounding

as wandering cows in the quies

Ronald Faux

The Times Diary

Getting our teeth into their snails

One of the more obvious con-sequences of being part of Europe is that our shops are full of funny foreign food. One of France's biggest snall canners is this week making a determined bid to introduce the English housewife to the delights of the escargot. Yesterday the firm set up a stall in the food hall of Selfridge's in Oxford Street and pressed freshly-cooked samples on the unsuspecting Monday morning shoppers. The results were not encouraging.

By lunchtime the stall. manned by women suitably attired in red. white and blue dresses, had handed out 14 dozen steaming snails swimming in pars'ay and garlic butter, receiving in return a picture gallery of grimaces, even from those passers by who valiantly insisted how nice they were. They had actually sold only seven til's.

Delicious", said a fur-clad women, picking her teeth and looking frantically for a glass of water or other suitable monthwash. "Oh, yes, I'll say", exclaimed a young man,

taking one tiny bite and miraculously managing to spit it straight back into its shell "Aargh", said a young boy, devoutly wishing he could have an ice cream instead. "Oh, this is good", said a middle-aged woman, kicking the last vestiges of sauce from the shell while resolutely refusing to buy any more.

Francois Fabing, who runs the snail cannery with his father in deepest Champagne, then revealed the awful secret of the French snail; there are so few left that the traditional escargot now comes from Poland, Austria or Yugoslavia. The old-fashioned Burgundy snail, helix pomatia, has grown scarce in its native country, but is being intensively farmed in

eastern Europe. Some people are also importing the smails from China, but they are not good, they are a different type. Perhaps in two years' time it is forbidden to make trade with the Chinese snails; they are dangerous for the human consumption. Fabing said ominously. Fabing said ominously.

Apart from an enthusiasm for The east European snails Gilbert and Sullivan, though,

come to France for processing. They are fed salt and then starved for 10 days, then killed in boiling water, by which time they are too weak to complain. Next, they are pulled from their shells and have their rear ends cut off, before being cooked again in champagne and berbs. "The soull has the small neryous system and does not feel a thing", said the snail baron reassuringly.

Fabing, whose firm cans 300 tonnes of snails a year, thinks the British market is increasing, by 20 per cent annually. To encourage the British housewife, he has produced a helpful leafler with two snail recipes, which with a little effort can be easily understood. For example: * Endly, introduce the snails one by their shells, and furnish in every one of them a little bit of this sauce." Impertmently delicious, no doubt.

In tune

Sir Harold Wilson will have an opportunity to set in perspecive the events of recent weeks when he broadcasts next Saturday on the BBC Radio 3 programme Man of Action. Through the music he selects, Sir Harold should be able to convey a moving picture of the triumphs and tribulations of his

he is not known as a classical music fan, so my colleague Martin Huckerby thought it would be helpful to put for-ward a few suggestions:

To establish his credentials as a man of action, Sir Harold could start with Richard Strauss's tone poem A Hero's Life: there are some stirring passages here about the hero's battles, and there is also a section depicting The Hero's Helpmate, describing her as behav-ing "insolently", "soothingly", "angrily" and "scoldingly". Then, to commemorate one of

his achievements in office-the Social Contract—Haydn's Symphony No 96 "The Miracle". Sir Harold's departure from Downing Street inevitably suggests Mozart's comic opera The Escape from the Scraelio. His life since then has been like that of Wagner's Flying Dutchman, in which the great steersman is doomed to sail forever the seas of endless exposure, buffeted by unremitting

No doubt Sir Harold will want perhaps with an aria from Verdi's Otello, in which the

zet cold feet.

noble leader curses his betrayal by a follower he believed to be

To end his programme, he might return to the closing scene of The Flying Dutchma in which the hero finds eternal rest with a woman who has given up her life for him (al-though I doubt that Wagner visualized a final scene in which the two of them retired to the Scillies and took the phone off

Inside Tibet

For 15 years only Westerners set foot in Tibet. Last summer Felix Greene and his family increased the number to eight, and brought back a film which gives the rest of us a first chance to see the secret world which provided inspiration for Lost Horizon and Shangri-la.

Tibet is certainly a strange place, where the men wear brown trilby hats and tea is drunk with butter and salt. Only a few decades ago the wheel was to hit back at his detractors, unknown there save for purposes of prayer: now there are Chinese cars and buses as well

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Tessa Gordon photographed this sign in Market Harborough, A colleague spotted a young woman exploring the central London streets on a motor scooter with a clipboard attached to the handlebars. This where the traders are anxious that their customers should not

Lhasa streets, and Chinese com-Surely the fundamental electric power stations in the weakness of Gelbraith and rural areas.
Greene was also able to film the few hundred monks who opted to stay in their monas-teries after the Chinese takeover in 1959, and the Dalai Lama's fabulously decorated

village-like capital There is a lot of gold in Tibet, much of it quarter of an inch thick on temple roofs. It was all brought in on the backs of yaks, which are revealed in the film as shaggy black cattle with scrawny necks and big noses, incessantly grunting instead of mooing.

After the film was shown

staterooms and prayer throne,

undisturbed and empty in the

Greene, who has also filmed in China and North Vietnam, said: We had the idea of the old Tiber as a place run by holy men and filled with peaceful people. It was not like that at all. The social changes that are taking place now make this the most exciting and heartwarming film I have ever taken."

mode of transport is the distinguishing mark of those who are Indeed, there are a dozen or



acquiring their knowledge of London to qualify with the Public Carriage Office as licensed taxi drivers. Was the Sex Discrimination Act, then, putting paid to the male monopoly of plying for hire?

Actually, no. There has, the carriage office say, never been

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To qualify for a year takes no more than a two miles and a ! from one's base, ar knowledge of central ... reach the main railw if required. The gr. needed to drive in cr don is far more d obtain, and so far, ac an examiner, no w. stayed the course.

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OFFER OR AN AMBUSH?

hly desirable that any change of such ace as the Governoposals for devolution the product of agree-ween the parties. That rease the prospects of arrangement sticking. is much more chance rkable scheme being in such an atmosphere he heat of party polifare. If one could be that the all-party connow proposed by Mr ym, the chief Conservaesman on devolution, chieve the necessary t that would be the seriously. forward. It would even risking the inevitable the assurance that, by able, an agreed Bill out on the statute book

ion. But what are the f agreement, and how should Mr Pym's be regarded? an be no prospect of igreement between all is. Any approval given Nationalists to any short of full inde-would be merely and they would be sely to favour an ent that would not give tisfaction. But it is a tanding of the whole i exercise to suppose sort of compromise Nationalists is the The satisfaction of Scottish and Welsh should be the aim-

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Conservatives and the

while very critical of the present Bill, are the strongest advocates of devolution in principle.

Although there are tensions within the party, they would surely want to take a con-structive attitude in such a convention. But what about the Conservatives? Mr Pym has stressed that the proposal for a convention is a positive offer and not a delaying tactic. Since taking over responsibility in the Shadow Cabinet for devolution he has sought so far as possible to use his influence in a constructive direction, so his assurances must be taken

But it is natural that suspicion should remain when a suggestion of this sort is put forward almost on the eve of the crucial vote on the guillotine. It would seem ideally designed to reassure waverers that they may safely deny the Government a guillo-tine on the Scotland and Wales Bill without thereby killing hopes of legislation on devolution for the duration of this Parliament. Whatever Mr Pym's basic intentions, this initiative is therefore suited to his

immediate tactical objective. There are two other doubts. First, no matter how eager Mr Pym may be for agreement the gap in the ideas of the parties may be too wide to bridge. This is an issue on which there are deep and conflicting convictions. It is not the case that if all sides are prepared to behave reasonably they are bound to agree. Enough honest conflict could remain to render any convention useless. Secondly, there can be would therefore be no certainty that the Conserva-tive leadership would be able to three the Liberals, carry the party with them if they

did come to terms with the Government and the Liberals on a revised scheme. There is not much enthusiasm for any plan for devolution in the present mood of the Conservative party

in the House of Commons.
. So even if Mr Pym does not intend a convention to be a delaying device, that is what it could turn out to be. For that reason the best course would still be to press on with the present Bill provided that the Government show themselves ready to accept the necessary amendments. The Bill could not now be amended in such a way as to make it ideal: there are some desirable changes that are too fundamental to be practicable at this stage. But enough could still be made for it to be acceptable, and for it to be the lesser risk in its amended form than waiting to see if a convention could produce an agreed solution. That judgment depends, however, upon the Government's willingness to compromise.

There has been no evidence of that to date. So great is the Government's desire to force this measure on to the statue bookand there are justifiable political reasons for that as well as the more narrow calculations of party advantage-that there has been no attempt to enlist the efforts of the House in improv-ing the Bill. If there is not a change of heart then it would be better to deny the Government the guillotine and to examine what chance there would be of achieving the undoubted benefits that a convention could bring. The key test then would be whether the Conservative leadership were prepared to consider a separate executive as well as a legislature for Scotland.

BRITISH LEYLAND MILLSTONE

ip by this Government widest aspirations and It looks increasingly ill stand or fall on its ace in relation to one ustrial problem, namely syland. The hope was eport on the future of eyland, produced by er as the Government's adviser, would prove path to salvation for controlled motor induseach month that passes al industrial problems ing more rather than

alysis needs to keep he events of the past r, centred on the curoom workers' dispute, longer term issues. evidence, for example, immediate cause of he current trouble is a estrated and vocal camopposition to an extenhe social contract for ear in anything like its

lividual plants more elements elements be at work. An internal y the Transport and Vorkers' Union into the of four shop stewards seems likely to come nclusion. The problem, is deeper seated than

the operation of pay in the past two years tion, both for managefor the union leadervolved. When British made its great switch ecework to measured k there were clear ngs that wage levels Levland's various

anal Enterprise Board plants would be brought progressively into line with each other. The operation of pay restraint has made it impossible for the management to honour these undertakings for the time being. This has been a major source of friction, all too easily exploited.

There have also, doxically, been problems associ-ated with British Leyland's extensive experiment with participation. Large numbers of senior shop stewards have been drawn into the consultative machinery and made party to confidential information, which they are not able to pass on to their members. When shop stewards are put in a position of telling those they represent that they will have simply to take certain things on trust, a situation is created in which a the union leadership and the rank and file, which again can be and has been exploited by extremists.

At bottom, however, the prob-lem derives from the fact that the industrial sprawl that constitutes British Levland has never been effectively rationalized. The hope of a previous Labour Government in promoting the original merger was that this fundamental reorganization would be accomplished under Sir Donald (now Lord) Stokes, in the way that Mr (now Sir Arnold) Weinstock made industrial sense in another industry of the equally sprawling GEC-AEI-English Electric empire. The nettle was never grasped.

In today's economic and political climate the problem is infinitely more difficult. Unemployment is much higher. Organized labour is more strongly

opposed to large redundancy programmes. British Leyland's small cars are needed to keep out competing imports in order to protect the balance of trade. Yet, for all this, the present levels of output and productivity cannot continue if British Leyland has to have any stable future.

Chrysler UK, which at the end of 1975 was on the verge of closure and total abandonment by its American parent, has markedly improved every aspect of its industrial performance. That welcome change is also disturbing for the evidence it provides that only the real fear of imminent loss of jobs seems to change working patterns and attitudes in situations as difficult as the motor-car industry. In the case of British Leyland, neither the management, nor the National Enterprise Board, nor the Government have been able to make that kind of threat credible to the work force. The half-threat from the Ryder report that, that, unless productivity improved, the monies for new investment programmes would

not be forthcoming has conspicu-ously lacked that credibility. Lord Ryder and the NEB in particular have the greatest difficulty in operating with measured toughness. For they are the prisoners of the very report which is the basis of present Government policy towards British Leyland. The official and unofficial leaders of the workforce sense that it would be extremely difficult for Lord Ryder to depart from the detail that blue-print. But unless improvement in performance and future investment are linked, British Leyland will remain a millstone about the neck of the NEB and the British taxpayer for ever.

v Theatre

James Shaw Grant published on February 8 om Lord Cudlipp arguing tment in the arts is, in vestment in one of our rowth industries, tourism. nent is reinforced by a the same issue on the plans cing with a permanent the Festival Theatre in

erthshire is losing popula-erapidly than almost any rt of Britain—nearly 18 in the last inter-censal od Pitlochry Theatre is the largest employers of the area. The closure of the which will occur if it is diately replaced, would be t to the loss of a large om a normal town. ture of Pitlochry Festival s also relevant to the curste on devolution, and the of the United Kingdom.

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It concert hall with state ondon, but Pitlochry was the same concession, and had to make do with a reover the whole cost of Festival Theatre came our ket of a private individual. hry Theatre has to close the year that the National opened, the contrast still more heavily underd my fellow governors and the it is not our major pur-ieve that we are performing l as well as a local service.
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despite the difficulties of ent financial climate.

itally we know from the of attendances at Pitlochry any given period, more rom England are likely to scotland's Theatre in the in visitors from the Highre likely to attend the Thearre in London.

Much as we welcome these visitors, our primary concern is with residents in the remoter areas of Scotland who otherwise have little or no access to live theatre, and especially the 30,000 school children for whom we provide a Theatre in Education service.

J. S. GRANT, Chairman, Board of Governors. Pitlochry Festival Theatre. Perthshire February 15.,

Yours, etc.

Collective noun and verb

From Mr George Cunningham, MP for Islington South and Finsbury (Labour)

Sir, The news that the French Education Minister will in future permit children to be taught that a collective noun may be followed by either a singular or plural verb prompts me to invite the attention of your readers to the application of your readers to the application of the rule in English.

of the rule in English.

It has always been the practice here to use either a singular or plural verb according to whether the dominant characteristic of the noun is singular or plural. Thus, "the herd of cows moves toward the gate", but "the football team were all at sixes and sevens". were all at sixes and sevens."
There is, however, a growing tendency, particularly in Whitehall, to use the plural verb after all collective nouns. The word government is nearly always followed by the plural in official documents. We are told that "the government are of the opinion ...", "the cabinet met today and they "the cabinet met today and they agreed ..." etc. This practice is particularly ugly and flabby where the collective noun is preceded by the indefinite article. Yer parlia-mentary draftsmen have given us a section of an Act which begins

When a local authority have The English language benefits from its flexibility. I want to be able to say "the cabinet are not

agreed on the matter" as shorthand "the members of the cabiner are not agreed. But surely we need to stop officials murdering the language by always using the plural verb even when the noun carries a predominantly singular meaning. Yours faithfully,

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, House of Commons. February 12.

Surrendering art

From Mr Michael Levey and Professor John Hale Sir, When announcing the purchase by the National Gallery of the Van Dyck double portrait we both emphasised that because of tax and emphasised that because of tax and duty concessions on private sales of highly important paintings to national collections, potential vendors had nothing to lose by exploring their effect and would, in the great majority of cases, be likely to gain considerably by adopting

There can, as Sir Anthony Lousada says (in his letter of Feb-ruary 21) be a difference between the valuation on which the private sale is based and the saleroom price. This price might well be lower. If it was higher, it would have to be quite exceptionally high to realize a greater net sum for the vendor after the deduction (depending on the vendor's posi-tion) of capital gains and capital transfer tax plus saleroom commis-sion and VAT.

That private sales benefit the nation is clear: we have recently acquired works by Velazquez and Rembrandt as well as the Van Dyck in this way. Our point was that they are equally likely to benefit the world? fit the vendor. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL LEVEY, JOHN HALE,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, National Gallery, WC2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Uganda and the Commonwealth

From Professor J. P. Barber
Sir, In 1961, under pressure from
other members, South Africa withdrew from the Commonwealth.
Rightly, in my opinion, the majority
of members regarded her racial
policies as incompatible with nembership of that international organization.

organization.

Is it not now time for the Commonwealth members again to exercise their moral judgment by excluding Uganda while it is under the tyranny of President Amin?

Yours faithfully,

J. P. BARBER, Professor of Political Science, The Open University, 16 St Andrews Road, Bedford.

Lady Churchill

From Mr Graham Cawthorne Sir, It is most disturbing to read that Sir Winston Churchill's widow, Lady Spencer-Churchill, is being forced by economic circumstances to sell his paintings.

If ever an elderly lady deserved

to spend her last days in tranquillity, it is Lady Churchill, who sustained Sir Winston throughout the strains of war.

An immediate Government grant An immediate Government grant should be made to Lady Churchill, or a public subscription opened on her behalf.

If any dissentient voices are raised, the rejoinder can truly be made—"Had it not been for Churchill in 1940, you would not be

Yours, etc, GRAHAM CAWTHORNE, The Press Gallery, House of Commons.

Conditions in Vietnam From Mrs Peggy Duff

Sir, It is always a pleasure to be attacked by Bernard Levin. He makes it so easy to defend oneself. He accuses me (The Times, February 1988) roary 2) of telling Guardian readers that the new regime in Vietnam is "working to guarantee human rights", which indeed I did. Many of my non-communist Vietnamese friends are there now living and working with full political rights, and all the evidence suggests that and all the evidence suggests that they behaved far more humanely with collaborators of Thieu and the United States, many of whom committed terrible arrocities against their people, than, for instance, the "civilized" French who summarily executed collaborators in 1944. Almost all the million plus who served Thieu and the United States have been released, and it is not surprising that those most likely to have been recruited to sabotage the new regime (as they did in the North in 1954) are still in camps. We kept thousands who served in the SS in reeducation camps in Germany for three years after the end the SS in reeducation camps in Germany for three years after the end of the war and; in defiance of the Geneva Conventions, held German and Italians POWs here for as long. This I remember because, with Victor Gollancz, I helped to get the former released and the latter

Phnom Penh, swollen by refugees, was being fed solely by American rice deliveries. When this ceased the only way to feed the people was to take them to the food and was to take them to the food and away from death by starvation and disease. Worse, he fails to report that this nightmare of neutral Cambodia was due to the ruthless overkill bombing by the United States Government, kept secret as it was from the American people.

I regret that the new rulers of Cambodia have been less humane than those in Vietnam (though some stories of massacres coming out of Thailand lack credibility) and I have protested in our journal, Vietnam International, and with a number of French and Americans in Le Monde. I and the organizanumber of French and Americans in Le Monde. I and the organization for which I work are against all totalitarian repression, in Czecho-slovakia as well as in South Korea, Singapore, Iran, and too many other countries. Has Mr Levin anything to say about recent events in Thailard about recent events in Thailard land where students were hanged and burned by police and fascist

Bernard Levin fails to report that

Yours sincerely, PEGGY DUFF, General Secretary, International Confederation for Disarmament and Peace, 6 Endsleigh Street, WCL

Jubilee trees

From Lord Damian Montagu-Douglas-Scott and the Duke of Buccleuth

Sir, Following Lady Keswick's good idea of planting Jubilee trees (February 9), why not plant red, white and blue trees? These might be suitable in most

Red Oak (Quercus Borealis) or Scarlet Oak (Q Coccinea) or Red Horse Chesinut (Aesculus Carnea).

Whitebeam (Sorbus Aria) or White Poplar (Populus Alba).

Blue Atlantic Cedar (Cedrus Albanica Glauca) or Noble Fir (Abies Procera) or Blue Spruce (Picea Pungens). (Picea Pungens).

Mixed in groups these could be most attractive. Yours faithfully, DAMIAN SCOTT.

BUCCLEUCH Bowhill Selkirk From Mr W. Wright

Sir, I am wholly in favour of ex-tensive tree planting to commemo-rate the Queen's Silver Jubilee but would someone kindly suggest how to combat the ravages of vandals. We recently planted over 500 trees on the approaches to and within on the approaches to and within our village only to find that, within a few weeks, three-quarters of them were broken or uprooted. Our jubilee committee is now discussing whether to try again but I am afraid that the majority of the parishioners are totally against the

Yours faithfully, W. WRIGHT. Chairman. Amenities Committee, Meppershall Parish Council. 34 Shefford Road, Meppershall, Shefford, Bedfordshire.

Deportation of journalists them. The power to interpret the law and to reach judicial or quasifudicial decisions is one that should be denied party politicians and reserved to the courts alone.

Yours faithfully.

From Miss Jessica Mitford Sir, I was appalled to read in the San Francisco newspapers about the deportation order against Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball, Accord-

ing to newspaper accounts here, neither the English public nor the accused have been informed of the specific charges, made in a closed tribunal. The accused were denied judicial safeguards and proper legal representation.
Having experienced at first hand
the McCarthy era in America, I find
this action unpleasantly reminiscent of the grotesque period in America

history when reporters who dared to question and investigate were imprisoned, deported, bludgeoned into silence. Yours, etc. JESSICA MITTORD, 6411 Regent Street, Oakland, California, USA.

From Mr Anthony Bilmes Sir, Your leader on the cases of Mr Agee and Mr Hosenball (February 17) has confused the real issue. Of course it is right that a state should have the power to exclude aliens who present a real risk to the general well-being of that state. So too should a state have the right to control the "security" activities of all those, be they aliens or nationals, who choose to live within its

jurisdiction.

What is quite wrong is that any What is quite wrong is that any state should seek in the administration of justice to distriminate against or in favour of any particular group within its jurisdiction. Being dealt with by the authorities in accordance with the rules of natural justice is not a privilege and should be the right of any person who happens to be in the United Kingdom. Judicial or quasijudicial decisions made by Ministers in an administrative role have recently been the subject of critirecently been the subject of criticisms within the courts and outside

Voting in the EEC

From Mr Neville March Hunnings Sir, In all the recent discussion about direct elections to the Euroabout direct elections to the European Assembly (the lower house of the European Parliament), there is one important aspect which has been almost totally ignored: the position of the large number of Community metionals who are permanently resident in this COUDLITY.

No reference was made to this aspect by the House of Commons Select Committee in its third Report, which concentrated instead on the position of British national on the position of British nationals abroad—a much more complex problem, both politically and technically. Undoubtedly the Committee was here overly influenced by the negative import of paragraph eight of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office memorandum.

Debase on this issue has unfortunately been ade-tracked into questions of the involvement of non-resident nationals or resident.

of non-resident nationals or resident non-nationals in elections to internal organs of government. But the Brussels Act has nothing to do with that. It is concerned solely with elections to an organ of Community government, for which the constitueocy is the whole of the EEC. The only criterion is nationality of an EEC state—it does not matter which one. Following the usual pattern, the suffrage is possessed by all adults having such nationality, and their voting rights are to be exercised in the district in which they reside. Britons resident in France will vote there; German wives or Italian restaurateurs resident in Britain will vote there. will vote here.

Soviet arms escalation From Mr Edmund Stevens Sir, I was rather saddened by Mr

Winston S. Churchill's recent letter (February 15). He contends that my article on the arms race (January 26) "reeks of obsequious sycophancy towards the Kremlin's arms escalation policies". This because I had written: "Distinguished foreign visitors, including world leaders, who have met with Breaknew recently, have come away with the impression he is anxious to ensure world neace and is keenly Winston S. Churchill's recent letter sure world peace and is keenly aware of the dire consequences of a nuclear conflict for all man-kind."

One of these prominent visitors was Mr Harriman, who last saw Mr Brexhnev shortly before the American Presidential election. Only a few days ago Mr Harriman told a seminar in Washington that he had met with Mr Brezhnev numerous times and had come away convinced that

EDMUND STEVENS, The Times Correspondent. Moscow.

Rockall

for the night there. The anonymous account of this adventure appeared in Chamber's Journal in 1892 (Volume 9, March 12), and the detailed description of the rock would persuade even a sceptical reader that this is a true record

there in a calm sea, they rowed achore in the yacht's gig and were able to land and climb to the top.

able to land and climb to the top. While the friend built a cairn with loose pieces of rock, the author occupied himself identifying "the numerous varieties of sea hirds whose haust we had invaded, and which kept up an indescribable din on every side."

Several hours later the friend returned to the yacht, intending to send a member of the crew back with a rifle, with which the author proposed to shoot a Rulmar petrel to add to his collection. Unfortunately a thick sea mist came down and contact was lost. To his horror

ANTHONY I. BILMES, 33 Welbeck Street, W1. From Miss Judith Rayner Sir, Nicholas Fairbairn (February 19) accuses those who welcome the release of Anna Mendleson and de-plore the deportations of Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball of having

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an inconsistent reaction to private executive judgments. In so doing he displays a total incomprehension of one of the main reasons why the reaction to the deportations has

been so vigorous.

Anna Mendleson knew why she was being punished. She was faced with the evidence and given a chance to refute it in court. She knows why she is being released on parole and the recommendation that this should happen was made by an impartial body. Agee and Hosenball do not know why they are being punished, the evidence against them is not available to them and they therefore have been given no chance to refute it. But, most important, is been so vigorous. to refute it. But, most important, is the fact that, in contrast to the Mendleson case the recommenda-tion that they should be deported was made by a partial body, acting

in their own interests.

The grounds on which the private executive decisions were made in these two circumstances are, therethese two circumstances are, there-for in no way comparable. To con-fuse them is to obscure the import-ance of the issue with which Mr Fairbairn is concerned: namely whether the judicial process should be allowed to be suspended by the unchallengeable judgment of the secret executive. Yours faithfully,

The mechanics are simple. Next autumn householders will put down

on their electoral returns not only

the names of those of British nationality but also those of any

nationality but also those of any Community nationals, indicating that fact have an appropriate mark (as is now done for merchant seamen, and will presumably have to be done for peers in any case). The electoral dists which come into force next February will than contain clearly distinguished the names of persons who are antitled to vote only in Community elections. There is no significant extra burden on electoral registration officers or political parties, nor the

officers or political parties, nor the

need for artificial fictions. The new dimension could not be incor-

porated more simply.

I would go further, however.

It would go further, however. Such a procedure is required by law. Even though article seven of the Act provides that for the moment "the electoral procedure shall be governed in each Member State by its national provisions", that must be read in the light of article seven of the EEC Treaty whereby "any distrimination on grounds of nationality shall be prohibited". Consequently, as in other areas of scrivity, the possession by

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the would-be voter of a Community

nationality other than that of the

JUDITH RAYNER. 53 Banim Street, W6. February 20.

with elections to an organ of Com-

a refusal to admit them or her for that reason on to the voting list would justify legal proceedings as for any other legally improper refumi Yours faithfully, NEVELIE MARCH HUNNINGS. Editor, Common Market Law Reports, 43 Fleer Street, EC4. February 18.

the Soviet leader genuinely strives

for peace.

Ever since he served as wartime

Moscow American Ambassador to Moscow Mr Harriman has had personal contact with the top Soviet leaders from Stalin to now, and has maintained continuous close touch with Soviet affairs, serving as adviser to suc-cessive Presidents including the new

incumbent. I venture to hold that his knowledge of Soviet affairs is deep and his judgment sound.

Mr Churchill goes on to assert that I absolve the men in the Kremlin of all responsibility for "this dramatic arms escalation policy". But the very passage he quotes in this connexion actually proves the opposite, namely that the hawks on both sides share responsibility:

"the rival doomwatchers literally spur each other on, as if by collusion, towards collision."

Yours faithfully,
EDMUND STEVENS, incumbent. I venture to hold that

From Mr James W. Thirsk

Sir, To Dr P. A. Sabine's chronicle of landings on Rockall (February 14), should be added a landing, probably in the summer of 1891, followed by an uncomfortable bed

of a landing.

A friend of the author of the stricle, the owner of a steam yacht the Norah, went aboard with him at Oban, their object being to see if they could find Rockall. Arriving there in a calm sea they round

and contact was lost. To his horror he heard the Norah's steam siren becoming fainter and fainter.

After a cold, uncomfortable and rather frightening night, the mist cleared to reveal the yacht not far away. By this time the swell was too

great to allow the gig to approach, so he swam to safety and was soon on board the yacht enjoying a large breakfast.

It would be interesting to know the name of this Englishman, surely the only person ever to have stayed a night on Rockall? Yours faithfully, JAMES W. THIRSK.

Lewis Close, Headington, Oxford. February 16.

February 15.

Back to the abacus From Mr Dipak Vasani

Sir, I wish to complain about the indiscriminate use of electronic calculators by school children. It seems to me that this will surely lead to laziness and inefficiency.
Why do we have to depend on a machine instead of using the brain which we have been given? Surely, we do not want to become "robots It is pathetic to see students getting out these "little boxes" and play tap-tap-tapping sounds to add

up two and four. Soon they will need a machine to tell them where to go. Is this educa-tion? We might as well go back to using the drum to tap out messages to each other. Yours faithfully, DIPAK VASANI, 94 Ryecroft,

Job creation in the inner cities From Mr Rupert Nabarro and Mr Graeme Shankland

Sir. The cost to the Government of maintaining a man unemployed is almost identical to the average wage in manufacturing industry. The loss of social security contributions, income tax and VAT, added to the social security payments made to unemployed workers amounts for a married man to 89 per cent to 96 per cent (PEP figure) of average earnings.

Provided job regeneration by the public and private sector is productive, it is less inflationary than keeping men unemployed, when they create nothing while still consuming. Sir. The cost to the Government of

consuming.

We found from our studies in

London and Liverpool that declin-ing economic activity, uncertain work prospects and heavy unem-ployment were common to most de-prived inner city areas and constiprived inner city areas and consu-tute the root cause of their poverty. A concentrated programme of job creation in these areas offers three advantages. It could directly im-prove environmental and physical conditions. It could be used as a means of training men to fit present skill shortages likely to be-

present skill shortages likely to become more acute when the economy
picks up. It could be used to bring
direct aid to those worst bit by
decline in their areas who will be
the last to be brought back into
work with any future reflation.
We propose the Government promotes a five-year programme,
tailored to suit each selected innercity's needs and using local machitailored to stut each selected inner city's needs and using local machinery representing public and private sectors. The programme should include housing rehabilitation and construction, building small factories and renewing old industrial areas and premises, restoring them to productive use. The existing Job Creation Programme is inapproprise to this end.

ate to this end. The Government is finalizing its inner city policies at the moment. It is now argent that this combined job creation and renewal pro-gramme is started, not as a short-term palliative but to half rising unemployment and to start taking into society the extra 11 million people who will be on the labour market in 10 years' time.

Yours faithfully, RUPERT NABARRO, Roger Tym and Associates, GRAEME SHANKLAND, Shankland Cox Parmership, 16 Bedford Square, WC1.

Distribution of honours

From Mr Cecil Lewis Sir, Honours have become suspect. in recent years they have degenerated into mere favours distributed like tips (or conscience money) to cronies or hived retainers. The system is also full of enomalies. The same honour is accorded to faithful civil servants as to distin-guished artists, to favourite footballers as to outstanding scientists

or engineers.
It may therefore be opportune to suggest that an authority be set up devoted to singling out what another country has called "living national treasure", an authority quite independent of all establishment, to reward outstanding abilities in the arts and sciences and, more particularly, in those areas of courage and fortitude which are too often forgotten when they cease to be news.
In a world where the worship of quantity is almost universal, to set up a council of impartial men and women to bestow the insignia of honour on those members of society who have shown outstanding quality would belo to restore the imbalance. If the criteria for such imbalance. If the criteria for such rewards were rigorous and exclusive enough, standards might be re-established in which a title awarded solely for quality, whatever its form, would return honour to its original high meaning. Faithfully,

CECIL LEWIS, Poste Restante, Corfu,

What Keats drank From Miss Jennifer Fellows

Sir, In reply to Mr Reginald Maudling's question as to Kear's taste for claret (Letters February 17), it is certainly true that the allusions to wine in Kears's poetry would seem to support the conclusion that "he appeared to favour sparkling red wines"; but there is ample evidence in his letters of his predilection—amounting to almost passion—for amounting to almost passion—for claret. In a letter to George and Georgiana Keats of February 24, 1819—to quote but a single instance

he writes as follows:

"I like Claret, whenever I can have Claret I must drink it,—'is the only palate affair that I am at all sensual in.... For really 'is so fine—it fills one's mouth with a gushing freehouse, then greatered. fine—it fills one's mouth with a gushing freshness—then goes down cool and feverless—then you do not feel it quarrelling with your liver—no, it is rather a Peacemaker, and lies as quiet as it did in the grape; then it is as fragrant as the Queen Bee, and the more ethereal Part of it mounts into the brain, not assaulting the cerebral avartments like a it mounts into the brain, not assaulting the cerebral apartments like a bully in a bad-house looking for his trull and hurrying from door to door bouncing against the wainscot, but rather walks like Aladdin about his enchanted palace so gently that you do not feel his step."

The story—perhaps apocryphal—is also told of how Keats once sprinkled his tongue with cayenne in order to savour the refreshing qualities of a glass of claret the more fully.

more fully. Yours faithfully, JENNIFER FELLOWS, 10a Flamsteed Road, Cambridge.

From Mr Frank Cole

Sir, The reader of Keats's letters can have little doubt that the poet was a claret lover, for his corres-pondence abounds in references to the wine. Perhaps more memorably, Keats wrote to Benjamin Bailey in August, 1819: "My friends should drink a dozen of Claret on my tomb ". FRANK COLE,

Director of Libraries and Arts and Curator of Keats House Keats House, Hampstead, NW3.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 21: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, and Captain Mark Phillips this afternoon visited Reading Police Station. Miss Rowena Brassey was in

The Duchess of Kent celebrates

nemorial service for Derek Parker Bowles will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Bar-

Princess Salwa of the Yemen gave birth to a daughter in London on Saturday, February 19.

Birthdays today Olave Lady Baden-Powell, 88; Sic

Roderick Barclay, 68; Lord Mar-tonmere, 70; Sir John Mills, 69; Sir John Primrose, 77; Mr Henry Reed, 63; Sir Allan Smith, 84; Canon J. R. L. Thomas, 69.

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opens headquarters of Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Lambeth High Street, 3.30.

Lunchtime dialogue: The Bishop of Stepney, Dr Huddleston, with Mr Tom Jackson, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 1.05.

Exhibition: Treasure of the Print Room, acquisitions 1975-76, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-5.50.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Briggs, Sir (Alfred) George Briggs, Sir (Altreu) Ernest, of Windlesham, company £4,701 chairman £4,701 Fairfield, Mr Ernest Charles, of Bridlington, engineer . £108,239 Hurley, Mr Leonard, of Kenii-Hartey, Mr Leonard, of Kenii-worth ... £114,213 McWhirter, Mrs Grace Mabel Con-stance, of Solibuli ... £128,283 Nissim, Mr Jack Ernest, of Horsham ... £813,621 Rogers, Mr Guy Coltman, of South Kensington ... £160,453

Ash Wednesday

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. A. T. Rodd and Miss P. C. Neill The engagement is announced between Tremayne, son of the late Commander the Hon G. G. R. (Taffy) Rodd, OBE, and of the Hon Mrs Y. M. Rodd, and Phyllis, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. D. Neill, of co Armagh.

Mr N. C. L. Beale and Miss C. A. McPoland The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Professor and Mrs E. M. L. Beale, of Esher, Surrey, and Christine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. McPoland, of Bedford.

Mr S. F. MacPherson and Miss C. G. F. Clemetson The engagement is announce between Simon Fraser, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Fraser son, of Inverness and NE India, and Claudia Gwendoline Forster, daughter of Professor and Mrs C. A. B. Clemetson, of Manhasset, Long Island, New York.

Mr J. J. Pritchard and Mrs E. S. Bishop The engagement is announced between John Jeremy Pritchard, of Keotit, RD2, Timaru, New Zea-land, son of the late Dr C. W. Pritchard and the late Mrs A. G. Pritchard, and Elizabeth Susan

second daughter of Mr and Mrs I. L. Mnrchison, Spring Terrace, Pairlie, New Zealand.

Marriages

Mr B. Rhodes and Miss C. Kroch The marriage took place in London on Saturday, February 19, between Mr Benjamin Rhodes, younger son of Dr Brian W. Rhodes and the late Mrs Joan Rhodes, and Miss Carol Kroch, daughter of Dr and Mrs Falk

Mr M. P. York and Miss S. J. Crichton The marriage took place on Satur-day, February 12, at the Church oay, rebruary 11, at the chirch
of The Voyager, Coronado, Callformia between Mr Michael
Patrick York, son of Mr and Mrs
G, York, of 1017 Encine Row,
Coronado, and Miss Susan Jane
Crichton, eldest daughter of Mr
and Mrs B. J. Crichton, of Plas
Trefor, Angleses Trefor, Anglesey.

25 years ago From The Times of Thursday, February 21, 1952

The Queen's style The rolls of the Court of Session In Edinburgh have accepted the designation of the new sovereign as Queen Elizabeth II. This does not dispose of the protest of the Scottish Covenant Association against this style on the ground that no previous Elizabeth has releved porth of the Tweed but it. reigned north of the Tweed, but it should not be difficult to justify the usage that has been adopted without inflicting any rebuif to Scottish national pride. Numbers are attached to the names of monarchs merely to distinguish one from another, and it will be a pity if any mystique becomes associa-ted with these working labels so as to impair their prosaic usefulness. When two monarchies, each having its own established numeration, become fused into one there



Mr Jenkins, President of the EEC Commission, with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican yesterday during a private audience. He is on a visit to Rome to discuss Community matters with the Italian Government.

Luncheons

Prime Minister The Prime Minister, Mr James Callaghan, held a luncheon in honour of Prince Sand Bin Faisal, foreign minister of Sandi Arabia, at 10 Downing Street yesterday. The other guests were:
The Ambassador of Saudi Arabis. Dr.
David Owen, MP. Mr. Michael Weir.
Mr. Tom McColfrey. Mr. Tom McNally
and Mr. Patrick Wright. HM Government

HM Government
Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of
State for Education and Science,
was host at a luncheon as
Admirally House yesterday in
honour of Professor S. Kaliski,
Minister for Science, Technology
and Higher Education of Poland,
and Mme I. Kaliska, Among those
magazint were:

Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State, Department of Industry, was host at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of Ing Pavol Bahyl, Minister of General Engineering of Cacheologakia, Among the guests Czechoslovakia. Among the guests West : Dr M. Vavrs. Mr J. Stole, Mr F. Borsky, the Ambassador of Czecho-

alovakia, Dr F. Telicha, Mr M. Sakal, Mr Y. Lavora, Mr J. Mandac, Mr W. Mr B. D. P. D. P. D. P. D. P. Mr W. Mr L. Buck, Mr L. Friedman, and Mr G. T. Checketts.

Argos Metals Ltd.
Lord Davies of Leek, chairman of Argos Metals Ltd, was host at a luncheon at the Connaught Hotel vesterday for members of the London Platinum Market. The guest of honour was Mr Warren Lebeck, president, Chicago Board of Trade.

Receptions

HM Government The Hou John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture: Fisheries and Food, was host at a reception given at 1 Carteon Gardens yesterday in bonour of the fourth meeting of the FAO Intergovernmental Group

Design Council

viscount Caldecote, chairman of the Design Council, and Mr Richard Balke, chairman of the CLC Housing Development Com-mittee, were joint hosts at a reception held at the Design reception need at the Design Centre yesterday evening for the opening by Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, of an exhibition aponsored by the GLC called "New Directions in Housing". Sir Paul Pailly directors of the Theory

Lady Rowlandson Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson gave a dinner at 18 Grosvenor Square last night in honour of the Saudi Arabian Ambassador and Mme Alhegelan. Those present

The Tunislan Ambassador and Vime Ben Ammar, Lord and Lads Redesdale, Lord and Lady Dancan-Sandys, Lord and Lads Brimelow and Sir Darek Walker, Smith, MP, and Lady Walker-Smith. European-Atlantic Group

The European-Atlantic Group held a dinner in honour of the Spanish Ambassador at St Ermin's Hotel last night. The chairman was Sir John Rodgers, MP, joint honorary treasurer of the group, and Sir Peter Allen, chairman, Anglo-Spanish Society, was among the speakers. Those present included:

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Commissioner for Canada and other
members of the originatic arrows the
Str Frederic Bennett, WP, and Lady
Bennett, Str James and Lady Bowker,
Mrs Elma Dangerfield, Baron de Ginsberg, Count and Countess de Lista,
Rear-Admiral Royer Dick, Str Douglas
and Lady Dodds-Parker, Air Marshal
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Gewald, Mr James Spiter, MP, Mr
J. M, Sutherjand and ropresentatives
of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce,

Public debate on the future of Peak park

From John Young

The principal issues are common to all 10 reational parks in first conflict between those who would like to see the parks afforded the same sort of environmental protection as in, sey, the United States, and those who argue that, in a country as small as Britain, conservation must take second places, and those who designed in the street of economic considerations.

Those economic considerations frequently involve digging up the landscape. In some places, such as

formers wenting to put open moor-land under the plough; in the Peak District, as in Snowdonia and Yorkshire, the pressure is to extend quarrying and mining operations.

ment's announcement last week that it will not proceed with a proposed motorway between Manchester and Shefrield, which would have cut straight through the park.
But the general subject of trans-

An eighteenth-century travel book about Switzerland was sold for £7,000, about twice the estimate of £3,500 to £4,500, at Sotheby's yesterday. Tableaux Topographiques, Pittoresques, Physiques, Historiques, Moraux, Politiques, Littéraires, de la Suisse, four volumes in three, by B. F. A. Zurlauben and J. B. de Laborde, Paris, 1780-85, went to H. H. Koch, the German dealer.

A copy of the same book was sold at Sotheby's last Tuesday for £4,500.

The two-session sale of printed port is very much on the agenda and is closely related to the severe overcrowding during holi-day periods. The park's 512 square miles are ringed by the great conurbations of the North and the Midlands, and last year it attracted 16 million day tourists, it is estimated.

it is estimated.

One possibility being canvassed is the restoration of the dereitor former Midland Railway line which Russin castigated at the time of its construction

Severe setback to Welsh hopes of bridge trophy

f53,792.
At Christie's a miniature of a vase of flowers by Jan van Kessel, painted in oil on copper, was sold for 53,200 to E. Speelman. The sale of miniatures, jewelry, jvory patch-boxes, enamel and silver snuff boxes, Russian and other speeds of art totalled 529 185 with By Our Bridge Correspondent snuff boxes, Russian and other Wales suffered a severe setback works of art totalled £39,185, with 6 per cent misold. in their efforts to win the Cam-rose Cup in the home countries bridge international for the first time when losing to Northern Ireland at Porthcawl on Saturday and Sunday by 3—9, 3—9 and 3—9. A Swiss cartouche-shaped gold presentation souff box set with a miniature of King Otho I of Greece went to Chelsea Coins for £1,900. £1,900.

In Phillips's sale of furniture, which totalled £31,779, with 4 per cent unsold, Kesler paid £580 for a set of 12 Regency-style manogany diming chairs (estimate £400).

Guy Fawkes portrait: A picture of

3—9.
After beating England a month ago Wales had headed the table but now go to third place. England narrowly beat Scotland at Newcastle upon Tyne by 3—9, 12—0 and 4—8, but stay at the bottom of the table. The final two matches will take place on March 19 and 20, when Scotland's march against Wales should be decisive.
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Wales should be decisive.

Standings: Scutland 31. Northern ireland 97. Wales 97. England 27. Trams: Wales; 97. England 27. Trams: Wales; 97. England 27. Trams: Wales; 97. England 27. En

Guy Fawkes portrait: A picture of Guy Fawkes, showing him gauni from torhire after the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, is to be put up for sale af Sotheby's on March 9. It was done anonymously during his interrogation at the Tower.

MT Justice Gibson, recorder of the Crown Court since 1972, after being sworn in as a High Court judge by the Lord Chancellor at the House of Lords yesterday.

Science report

Palaeontology: Extinction of bird species

years ago has cast doubt on the view of an American authropologist that man had become such ologist that man had become such an efficient big game hunter at that time that he succeeded at wiping out 32 species of manimal that theory, proposed by Dr P. S. Martin, is known as the overkill manth, is about a said of the plants of mammalian species became extinct towards the end of the pleistocene period. But Dr Donald Grayson, of Washington University, claims that extinctions on the same scale also occurred among pleistocene birds.

Dr Grayson has made use of the Rancho La Brea site, in Los Angeles, which contains an exten-sive and well analysed collection of pleistocene bird species.

Of 67 mammalian species which died out during the pleistocene, about 32 disappeared towards the end. It is the extinction of those

But the proportion of birds that died out at the end of the pleisdied out at the end of the pleistocene is very similar to that of
the mammals and Dr Grayson
argues that man cannot have been
both a blg-game and a smallgame hunter of overwhelming
efficiency.

One possibility is that the bird
species that disappeared might
have been dependent in some way
on the over-killed mammals. But
Dr Grayson dismisses that possibility on the grounds that most of

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Science, Feb 18 (195,

Funeral with OBITUARY

no flowers

for Foreign

Mr Authory Crosland, the Foreign

Secretary, was cremated yesterday at a private ceremony at Oxford. There were no flowers or wreaths,

Throughout the service the main gates to the crematorium were locked and manned by workers from the Garden of Remembrance, near by.

Mr Crosland, MP for Grimsby

Parliamentary tributes, page 8

Mr C. A. R. Crosland

on Monday, March 7.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Anthony Crosland, MP, will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.30 am

Accommodation will be reserved for relations, heads of foreign and Commonwealth missions, ministers

and former ministers of the

and former ministers of the Gouse of Crown, members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, official representatives of organizations and personal friends.

An allocation of seats will be

kept for members of the general public, who will be welcome. They will not require tickets.

will not require tickets.

In order that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made, those in the above mentioned categories are asked to make application as fellows by not later than February 28: Ambassadors and High Commissioners to the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps; ministers and former ministers of the Crown to the Cabiner Office; members of the House of Lords to the Clerk of the Parliaments; members of the House of Commons to the assistant secretary to the Speaker, and others (in writing, please, and enclosing an addressed envelope) to the Ceremonial Officer, Protocol and Conference Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Great George Street, London

Great George Street, London SW1A 2AH.

Travel book on

An eighteenth-century travel book

The two-session sale of printed

books relating to travel, explora-tion and topography realized £53,792.

Switzerland

fetches £7,000

Secretary

ANDY DEVINE Career in Hollywood Westerns. 4.

Andy Devine, who supplied the mould and ventured the comic relief in scores of more ambinous work. He Westerns Hollywood adventure films, died in Holly-wood on February 18 at the age of 71. He was instantly recognizable through his corpulent figure, mop of unsidy hair and, above all, a busky, highpitched voice, the result of a childhood accident in which he fell with a stick in his mouth and damaged his throat and

vocal chords. and a P-ivy Councillor, died in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on Saturday, six days after having a Devine, whose real name was Jeremiah Schwartz, was born in Arizona on October 7, 1905, The service lasted about 15 minutes and was attended by Mrs entering films as an extra in 1926. One of his first substan-tial parts was in a sombre 1932 minutes and was attended by MTS Crosland, Mrs Edith Alexander and Mrs Evelyn Taylor, her sisters, Mr and Mrs Ralph Conroy, and Miss Ellen Catling, her daughters and son-in-law; Dr Michael Young, a family friend, who is chairman of the National Consumer Council, and Mr David Western, Law and Order, in which, Law and Order, in which he played a man who is tragically hanged for an accidental killing, but he became much bester known as the amiable, slow-witted sidekick whose main job was to provide the wiscracks. Consumer Council, and Mr David Lipsey, Mr Crosland's personal and political adviser. the wisecracks.

Most of his career was spent in routine second features but which was produced in every now and then he broke following decade.

probably best be remember for his portrayal of the s driver in John Ford's St ike Two Rode Together,
Man Who Shot Liberty Value
and the Civil War episod.
How the West Was Won.
was also in the Leskie How
Romeo and Juliet and Wil
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Hollywood comedians in In Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Work On a lesser plane for the comedians of th On a lesser plane, he may series of nine Westerns in 1940s with Roy Rogers, by voted among the ten lear money making Western in 1948 and 1949, and pliftingles, the foil to Gay by son's Wild Bill Hickock, in television series of that not be to the series of th television series of that no

SIR BRIAN MOUNTAIN

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Brian Mountain, Bt, for many years a leading figure in business circles and president and for Yeomanry Field Brigade, mer chairman of the Eagle Star was recalled to the colour Insurance Co Ltd, died on the Second World War Insurance Co Ltd, died on February 17 at the age of 77.
He was the son of Sir Edward Mountain, first baronet, a considerable figure in the insurance world. He entered insurance at Lloyds when he was 15 and paid £20 a year. Over the years he brought together by fusion and amalgamation numerous insurance concerns the various offices being combined under the name of Eagle Star. He died in 1948. Brian Edward Stanley Mountain, his only son, was born on August 22, 1899, and educated at Charterhouse and RMC Sandhurst. He saw service in

lieutenant in the 9th Lar and wit hthe 9th Royal Dr reached the rank of lieuter colonel 9th Lancers.
His business interests wide; he was chairman Bernard Sunley Investor Trust Ltd; English Prop Corporation Ltd and Un Racecourses Ltd. He was a mer chairman of Drapery Stores. He married in 1926, I. Elsie, daughter of R. C. Lamb. They had two sons

one daughter. The elder Mr Denis Mortimer Moun chairman and managing dire. of Eagle Star succeeds

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RIGHT REV CHRISTOPHER STORRS

The Right Rev Christopher Storrs, Bishop of Grafton, New South Wales, from 1946 to 1955, died on February 19 at the age of 87. He was educated at Maivern College and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he gained a First Class in the Classical Tripos and boxed for his university. He went to Leeds Clergy School and became a deacon in 1912 and priest in 1915. He was at Leeds Parlsh Church from 1912 to 1915 and became a Chaplain to the Forces in the following year, serving in Macedonia, Palestine and Egypt during the

next three years.

He had been Chaplain Assistant Master at Mal-College from 1915 remained at the college t 1930 when he went to Austr to St George's College, Pr In 1939 he became Archdes of Northam, Wesern Australia where he served for se years before becoming Bis of Grafton in 1946. He was Warden of St Jo.
College, Morpeth, New St.
Wales, from 1955 to 1960
which year he returned to country to become Rector Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset married, in 1939, Joan Willis They had two sons and

MR WILLIAM TAYLOR

Mr William Taylor, CB, who died on February 12 at the age of 84, was until his retirement in 1952 an Under Secretary in the Ministry of Labour (now Department of Employment).

After distinguished academic success at Aberdeen University, where he was a Gold Medal prizeman, he served in The of the young and the disal-in which he had a very spe-and cincere interest. He ser as chairman of the Worl..... Party on the Employment Blind Persons. After his re ment he continued to public service as charmer wages councils, and on ret prizeman, he served in The ing to his home territory

Gordon Highlanders in the First
World War, With a number of
Others who were destined for
notable careers in the Civil and was appointed Chancell ing to his home territory.

Aberdeenshire he served on Service he became an Assistant assessor to Aberdeen Unit Principal in 1919 and was allo-cated to the Michstry of Labour. After serving as Chief Insur-ance Officer and Director of Establishments he played a leading part in the formative stages of the new universally accepted method of entry to the higher ranks of the Civil Bill Taylor was a man: many gifts and of great cha: He retained until the end slow and measured eccent North-East Scotland which guised a quick and percer mind of the highest quality.

higher ranks of the Civil Service, acting as vice-chairman of the Civil Service Selection Board at the "country house" at Stoke D'Abernon. On his return to the ministry

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SIR ERIC ANSORGE

In addition to his notable work as a naturalist, referred . to in the admirable note contributed by Baron de Worms,
Sir Eric Ansorge had a distinguished career in the Indian
Civil Service.
Even in that community he

R.N.L. writes:

Returning to Bihar, the municipal carried ultimate responsible with the covernor for the co effective control of civil to crew plies in that province due touble, the great famine of 194 trie stag. His service in India conclusion port with a term as one of a the ship Governor's two Advisers in Cargo title given to the civil service. They who replaced the elected the period of Congress non-cook to Interperiod non-cook to

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MR ELLIOTT DODDS

Mr Elliott Dodds, CBE, 2 former president of the Liberal former president of the Liberal Party Organisation and an editor and director of the Huddersfield Examiner for many years, died on February 20 at the age of 87. George Elliott Dodds was born in 1889 and educated at Mill Hill School and New College, Oxford. He joined the Huddersfield Examiner in 1914 and subsequently became a leader writer quently became a leader writer and, in 1929, editor. He became a director in 1930. He contested five Parliamen-

Major-General C. J. Venter, CB, DFC, who has died in Dur-ban, was one of the first South Africans to join the Royal Fly-Arricans to join the Royal Plying Corps during the First World War and was credited with 22 German aircraft.

After the war, he helped found the South African Air Force and became its. Director-General at the outbreak of the Second World War. In 1945 he was appointed chief manager of South African Airways.

Mr Victor Percy Harries, CB, secretary and solicitor, British Airports Authority, 1965-71, died on February 17.

tary elections between 1922, 1935 and was president of the Liberal Party Organisation for the Liberal Party Organisation for the 1948 to 1949.

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Scientists for Environmental Studies

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One team of scientists, in which there are now a number of vacancies, specialises in the assessment of radiation exposure which can result from releases of radioactivity into the environment, particularly radioactive effluents discharged from the nuclear power industry or radioactivity which could be released from nuclear installations in accident conditions. The same team also undertake radiological protection studies on possible future methods for the disposal of high-level radioactive wastes, such as deep burial in geological formations and the use of the ocean bed. Advice is given to international bodies, UK government departments and other organisations with responsibilities for radiological protection.

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An analysis of bird remains dating 32 species that Dr Martin would from between 13,000 and 10,000 like to lay at the door of man.

or pleistocene bird species.
According to his survey, 22 species of bird became extinct during the pleistocene period, 10 of them towards its end, the same period that saw sweeping mammalian extinctions.

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Dr Grayson dismisses that possibility on the grounds that most of the species in question lived on plants or insects or very small vertebrates and there is no evidence for any crucial dependence on larger mammal life.

That leaves open the question why the latter pleistocene should have proved fatal to so many species. But it seems unlikely that man had much to do with it.

By Nature-Times News Service

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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

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The percentage of the workforce unemployed in Britain, excluding school leavers, rose from 4.9 to 5.5 per cent between December 1975 and December 1976 (the focus for output being from the mid-points of the two years).

On this basis, the Government's job-preserving and jobcreating programmes would not seem to have contributed much to the employment position, although several other factors have also been at work during this recession. For example, productivity seems to have shown at exceptional fall for two years as job-sharing activities have increased.

On the other hand, more of the people made jobless are now believed to be registering for unemployment benefit, while the labour force itself is expanding rather faster than has been the case in the past for demographic reasons. This may mean that the economy would have to expand at closer to 4 per cent a year to prevent the total jobless figures from going

The Treasury is now fore-casting that the gross domestic product will rise by about 2 per cent between the second halves of 1976 and 1977, or 3 per cent if the expert perform-ance proves to be greater than expected.

However, the evidence is that export growth is still sluggish and the other elements of demand are not expected to contribute much towards growth in the coming months.

As a result, the level of growth seen in the fourth quar-ter of last year does not seen likely to continue, as would be necessary if unemployment was

Mr Benn to step into oil search dispute

By Roger Vielvoye Energy Correspondent Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Sec-

retary of State for Energy, has been forced to step into the dispute affecting the efforts of the oil companies and the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) to become partners to look for oil under new licences issued less than two weeks ago.

Mr Benn's department had hoped that BNOC and the United Kingdom Offshore Operators Association, which represents 39 companies working in Eritish waters, could have produced a standard operating agreement for exploration and development of oil finds under the lifth round licences where the state comlicences where the state company is a compulsory 51 per cent majority shareholder.

But after long negotiatious both sides produced draft agreements that were unacceptable to the other. There have been no meetings since the end of December and there is no im-mediate prospect of the two sides getting together again.

The main point of contention is a clause that would allow BNOC to go ahead with the development of a find even if its oil company partners tthought it not worth commercial exploitation. Oil companies are suspicious that BNOC might prefer a so-tralone policy. prefer a go-it-alone policy rather than trying to negotiate a reduction in royalty or tax to make the economics of the field more attractive.

Mr Benn is about to tell the offshore operators that he con-siders that the BNOC draft is a reasonable basis for nagotiations and in the absence of an agreement with the association that the companies will have to reach individual agreements with the state company.

Lord Kearton, chairman of BNOC, said talks on operating agreements had started with some of the large companies last Friday and had gone well. He did not expect the fact that each company would have to negotiate individual agreement would cause any delays in the exploration programme for acreage licensed at the beginning of this month.

Mr R. J. Sweeney, president of Murphy Oil, one of the part-ners in the Ninian offshore development, has caused a flutter among the various companies involved in the develop-ment of the oilfield with his statement that the central concrete platform might not be ready for float-out this year.

Chevron, which is responsible for design, construction and positioning of the platforms, said yesterday that it was Mr Sweeney's own opinion and the group was still working towards a float-out in the late summer.

Workers say share scheme 'drove coach and four through social contract' Unions fight GEC £178m pay-out

By John Brennan
Unions representing most of
the General Electric Company's
166,000 workers in this country
are totally opposed to the
group's planned £178m pay-out
to shareholders.
Mr Roy Sanderson, of the
Electrical Trades Union, leader
of GEC's 11-union national joint
consultative council, said yester-

consultative council, said yester-day that the unions considered the scheme "bloody immoral", and that it "drove a coach-and-four through the spirit and form of the social contract".

After considering the capital reconstruction scheme and after talks with Sir Arnold Weinstock, GEC's managing director, the 11 unions unanimously opposed the plan. They have written to the Chancellor of the Exche-quer asking him to stop the scheme and, as Mr Sanderson explained "reminding him that explained "reminding him that views of this scheme will play a major part in talks about the renewal of the social contract."

Mr Sanderson added that "if anyone doesn't believe that this scheme will influence talks on the contract, they must be

The unions' council sent its letter to the Chancellor yester-day and they are seeking legal advice in the hope of challeng-

Continued attempts to settle

three-month blacking of a

of Bank Employees

Trustee Savings Bank personal

loans service by the National

(Nube) have ended in dead-

The union's TSB institutional

committee has decided to call a ballot, probably next month,

on whether to accept the

bank's latest peace offer or to

Clearly the dispute is affecting the TSB's attempt to create

a "new image", an important part of which is to give per-sonal loans for the first time.

The ballot will be conducted among 4,250 TSB members of

Japan appealing

to Gatt against

ballbearing duty

Japan will appeal to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) against the temporary 20 per cent anti-dumping duty on Japanese ball and roller bearings imposed by the EEC on February 7, it was announced in

Tokyo yesterday.

The Covernment said it would bring the

case before the Gatt standing committee on dumping practices, to meet in Geneva tomorrow

and Thursday.

The shti-dumping duty, imposed for a three-month period, drew an immediate Japanese protest. The Japanese Government and Industry denied EEC charges that Japanese exporters had indulged in dumping practices

Contracts for research into geothermal energy, under a programme jointly funded by the EEC and the British Government, have been

awarded to the Central Electricity Generating Board's Berkeley Laboratory (computer studies on rock mechanics); the National Environmental Research Council (analysis of existing data and collection of new geothermal data), the Department of Geology, Oxford University (hear flow studies in the United Kingdom); and the Department of Geophysics at Imperial College (hear flow studies in Cornwall).

Stockbrokers remanded

Mr Lewis Altman and Mr Robert Carnes, directors of the suspended City stockbrokers, Lewis Altman and Co, were remanded on bail

to March 30 at Guildhall, London, yesterday

charged with a breach of the Exchange Control Act, 1947.

Lewis Altman and Co was suspended from trading after the Treasury had revoked some permission granted to it under the Exchange Control Act.

Energy study contracts

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continue with the action.

In brief

By Christopher Thomas

Labour Staff

ing the capital reconstruction proposals. They are to draw the scheme to the attention of Sir Harold Wilson in his capacity as chairman of the committee of

The reconstruction plan, announced last month, involves the issue of £178m of new floating rate capital notes to shareholders on the basis of 321p nominal of notes for each GEC share now held. The notes are repayable in 1986 and carry an interest rate 1 per cent above inter-bank rate. GEC has explained that the reconstruction would be "a part compensation to share-holders" for the dilution of

group equity which will follow its intended creation or acquisition of businesses overseas.

A spokesman for the group commented yesterday that the scheme was "perfectly above board". Since it involved the issue of capital notes from GEC's share premium account. the spokesman said that the issue would merely "give to shareholders what is elready

theirs."
Thec ompany, which has cash resources of more than £2.30m, has aid that the reconstruction scheme will in no way affect investment plans within Britain.

possible by the Trustee Savings Bank Act, 1976, was blacked by Nube in support of an "extra responsibility" payment to 1,500 branch managers and

some assistants.
The Department of Employ-

ment has continued to prevent implementation of an increase

to the managers, despite protes-tations from the TSB and the union in talks with junior ministers and senior officials, that the deal should go ahead.

Nube maintains that substan-

tial pay increases are permissible, despite the current res-

trictions, because of the extra

duties and responsibilities in-

volved in operating the loans

The original deal, which was sgreed between the union and the TSB but rejected by the Department of Employment,

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above. The loans service, made gave increases of at least £700

Nube to ballot on TSB blacking

And in talks with the unions Sir Arnold expressed his will-ingness to consider any propo-sals for investment projects which would create more jobs

in the group.

For their part the unions claim that the scheme is "a device to circumvent the counter-inflation curb on dividends and the tax laws. They point out that, since the scheme

point out that, since the scheme involves no increase in devidends, but offers shareholders a clear capital gain, on sale or redemption, the new notes will attract only Capital Gains Tax at 30 per cent only.

The unions also note that under the terms of the scheme Sir Arnold would receive notes with a nominal value of £903,000. This "shareholders' bonanza" bas, Mr Sanderson says, resulted in a heavy postbag from members and shop stewards who feel that "if the group's workers had done a similar thing there would have been a hue and cry about breaking the pay code".

The Governments attitude towards the scheme was out-

towards the scheme was out-lined last month by Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary of the Treasury. In a written parlia-mentary reply he said that the reconstruction "is not a divi-

TSB has given a warning of "the serious consequences that will arise if the current dead-

lock is not ultimately resolved ... Mr William Whiteman, Nube

assistant secretary responsible for the TSBs, said yesterday

that the union was strongly opposed to the new offer.

"We have proved to the Department of Employment

that the significant increases

in responsibility involved jus-tify the figures originally agreed", he said.

A covering letter with the ballot forms would state that the object of testing opinion was to confirm the view " that

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Arnold Weinstock: willing to discuss investment projects with the unions

dend distribution and does not require Treasury approval ". The proposals, agreed at a meeting of GEC shareholders on January 31, now awaits High Court approval and first dealings in the notes are expected to take place on or about March 14. GEC's shares fell Sp to 180p on news of the unions

switch

By Patricia Tisdall

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Cigarette price changes due in next month's Budget, to complete the changeover to the

Tobacco tax

The London Museum, which opened sarlier this year, cost fill.5m. But whereas the funding of the Barbican is solely the responsibility of the Corporation, the museum is being financed jointly b ythe Corporation, the GLC and the Department of Education and Science.

Labour mambers of the GLC Labour members of the GLC and the London Labour Party

EEC tobacco tax structure, have caused a rift between the big tobacco manufacturers: Imperial Tobacco which, with Player's and Wills, holds around two-thirds of all United Kingdom cigarette sales would like implementation of the changes delayed as long as pos-sible. Gallaher and Carreras ance—contributing more to-wards the financial needs of the metropolis, perhaps an extra Rothmans, whose main in-terests are in the larger King-sized brands, would prefer a £30m or so a year.

swifter transition. The effect of the changes will be to narrow the price differences between large and smali cigarettes.

To comply with the first phase of the REC's requirements, the Chancellor must raise he ad valorem element from a present level of 22 per cent to a minimum of 25 per cent of the total tax. But the cigarette manufacturers are worried that the proportion could be much higher.

Gallaher's recommendation is that the ad valorem element of the tax, which is levied on the cost of the finel product, should not account for more than 30 per cent of the recommended retail price. This, they say, would do least damage to the quality of cigarettes. research effort, profits and employment levels.

The BEC requirements also mean that the Chancellor must change the present duty charged on the weight of tobacco used, to a specific duty levied on the number of cigarettes produced, irrespective of

Again there is considerable scope in the scale of the new duty which can vary from 5 per cent to 75 per cent of the total. Gallaher and Rothmans would like a high specific dury element to balance the low ad valorem component.

The Treasury has said that provision for the switch will have to be completed in the next Finance Bill for implementation not later than January 1, 1978. It has rejected Imperial's proposals, which did not meet with agreement from other manufacturers, for a two-tier taxation system to protect smaller cigarettes.

The split between the manufacturers has meant that the Tobacco Advisory Committee, the industry trade association, has been unable to put forward collective recommenda-tions to the Chancellor. Instead it has submitted a series of proposals reflecting the dif-ferent views of its members.

£25m to be raised by City Corporation

The City of London Corporation, which Labour members of the Greater London Council wish to see taken over or broken up, is to raise nearly £25m through the issue of a six-year

Most of the money being raised will go towards funding the Corporation's two major investment projects—the Barbican development and the recently-opened London

The Barbican started in the early 60s but, largely as a result of industrial disputes, is still uncompleted. It was originally to have cost £13m, but this has risen to nearer £100m.

The residential part of the project, completed late last year, cost £42m. But rising costs forced rents and rates to levels prohibitive for family occupa-tion, and in spite of consider-able opposition, the Corporation decided last year to dilute its ideal of a purely residential estate and to allow in a small. number of commercial tenants.

Now well under way is the secondpart of the development, the arts and conference centre, and with a little luck it should be finished by 1979. But the cost is now expected to reach £50m.

continue to press for changes that would lead to the Corporation-whose territory acts as a major seat of international fin-

Not possible, comes the answer from the Corporation. For a start, capital spending has pushed the Corporation's debt up to more than £135m, and the cost of sarvicing this debt—nearly £15m a year—fully absorbs the Corporation's income from sources other than come from sources other than

rates. Income fro mrates does add up to a skable £162m a year, but of that £37.3m already goes to the GLC and £84.7m to the wity.

A further £9.7m goes towards rate equalization—a helping hand to other local authorities —and £7.5m to the Thames Water Board, leaving just under £23m to meet running expenses, including those of the City of London Police.

What is more, the Corporation argues, its expenses are already understated in the sense that a number of costs that fall on the ratepayer in other areas the City. These include the office of the Lord Mayor and maintenance of the Thames bridges.

But financial institutions and

international bankers, comes the counter-argument, can afford to pay more rates. The Corporation is sceptical. It points out rates per square foot than any other local authority in the country, an dthat there have re-cently been signs of an exodus cently been signs of an exodus
to its less-expensive fringes.
The other main plank of the
Labour argument is, of course,
that the Corporation's electoral
procedures—votes for rarepayers—are undemocratic. No
political riots have, however,
been recorded of late, and the
City will be retaining the office
of alderman when of alderman when other boroughs abolish it next year.

Financial Editor, page 21 The United States markets were closed yesterday because of the

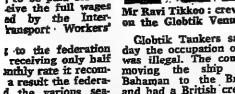
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Mr Ravi Tikkoo : crew problems on the Globtik Venus.

Globtik Tankers said yester-day the occupation of the ship was illegal. The company was moving the ship from the Bahaman to the British flag and had a British crew waiting d the various sea-is in Europe. When Venus arrived in Le and had a British crew waiting in Le Havre to take over when the Filipinos left. Globtik had sent a representative to France but there was no indication that the dispute had been solved nch union officials. ie Norwegian master ipinos and the sit-in

Mr Brian Laughton, adminis trative secretary of the federa-tion in London, said he was not surprised at the stand taken by the crew. Even though they were nor unionized they were "aware that they were being exploited".

Although Globtik was planning to bring in a British crew it was important that the com-pany should pay off the old crew at federation rates, he

If owners with ships under flags of convenience in dispute over pay were allowed to pay off crews below the recom-mended rates, it would encou-rage them to delay taking action as long as possible, said Mr Laughton.

As the figure recommended by the ITF was an average of European rates, and British seamen's pay was below this average, Mr Laughton doubted whether the change to a British crew would present Globtik with a larger wage bill.



new

Textile pledge: Mr John Nort, Opposition spokesman on trade (above), yesterday pledged Conservative support for the British textiles industry in its demands for a fundamental renegoriation of the Multi Fibre. Arrangement on which discussions are due in Geneva early next month. He told the Commons that it was important that the MFA, which is due for renewal at the end of this year, should try to arrive at a global policy for the EEC on taxtile

Brussels talks on UK shipyard aid near end Government negotiations with the European Commission over an emergency support scheme

for British shipperds are thought to be near

The scheme, which would involve an inter-vention fund to which shipbuilders could resort vention find to which supplieders could resort to close the gap between British prices and those quoted by foreign competition, is expected to be made available under Industry Act provisions for financial assistance to

The organizing committee for British Ship-builders, the proposed state shipbuilding group, has not taken a direct part in the Brussels negotiations, but it is being kept informed by the Department of Industry.

Price curbs Bill

The Government's consultative document on price restraint policy after present powers come to an end on July 31 will be published today. A Bill is expected to be laid before Parliament by the Easter recess.

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POINTS FROM CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT difficulties referred to in my Interim Statement inued in the second half of the year. capital expenditure of £200,000 on new plant and

hinery has now been completed but the results for year did not benefit from this expenditure. However, el that we are now in a position to meet any large arge in demand which might occur. lover for the first four months of the current year been maintained but I will not attempt to make forecast for the rest of the year due to the uncertain

difficult trading conditions which continue to of the Report and Accounts are obtainable from:-Secretary, DEANSON (HOLDINGS). LTD., RTHGATE, ALDRIDGE, WALSALL WS9 8TJ.

Doubts on deficit delay Carter budget till today

From Frank Vogi Washington, Feb 21

Washington, Feb 21
President Carter will send his
1978 Budget proposal to Congress tomorrow. Minor delays
have arisen largely because of
last-minute efforts to ensure
that the deficit is held below
\$60,000m (about £35,300m).
Administration sources
stressed that proposals for the
year starting on October 1 were
likely to be revised by both the
Administration and Congress.
They note that the new Administration had not yet had time
to design fully a Budget of its
own. President Carter's proposals will be presented as essentially modest changes in the budget programme announced by the Ford Administration in mid-

January.

Mr Carter hopes to prepare legislative programmes in the next few months dealing with tax reform, social welfare and energy issues, and hopes to complete a major review of defence spending.
The Administration is taking

Business appointments Appointments vacant Financial Editor Financial news the view that the programme to be changed tomorn should be to the second Енгора ... the ment to Dista

On other pages

Rises

How the markets moved

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GIIt-edged securities traded lower. Sterling gained 10 points to close at \$1.7055. The "effective-devaluation" rate was 43.5 per cent. Gold rose \$1.00 an ounce to close at \$137.625.

Equities had a quiet session. SDR-S was 1.15631 on Friday while SDR-E was 0.678586. Commodities: Coffee prices again Commodities: Coffee prices again bit new highs, Reuter's index was at 1642.0 (previous 1633.0).

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Burco Dean

A year of **Product and Market Development**

Points from the Chairman's review:

PREPARING FOR FUTURE GROWTH Despite deteriorating trading conditions in 1976 the Company continued uninterrupted its preparations for future growth, but naturally had to withstand the resultant cost and organisational stress.

NEW PRODUCTS The year saw an unprecedented development of new products, all carefully selected to meet the requirements of the market segments at which we are aiming.

MAXIMUM DIVIDEND Turnover increased by 11% to nearly £18 million, but profit before texation was £469,000, compared with the record £1,428,000 achieved in 1974-75. Notwithstanding this poor result, your Board feels that the steps taken to improve profitability and to widen the product range justified their recommendation of an increase in final dividend from 1.81715 pence per share to 1.99886 pence per share, the maximum permitted."

FIRST QUARTER IMPROYEMENT "We are already feeling the benefits of all the work and development completed during the past year, and turnover and profit have improved considerably in the first quarter over the closing period of the previous year". Lord Hewlett, Chairman.

A.G.M. 12 noon 22nd February at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Burco Dean Limited, Accrington Road, Burnley, Lancs, 8811 5DS.

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By Our Industrial Editor

Possibilities of attracting more Japanese investment to Britain as a base for expanding European trade have been explored by Mr Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Industry.

Mr Carey, who has just re-turned from the Far East, said yesterday that investment in Britain from Japan was too small, and Japanese companies which had come had been satisfied. Britain was a good base for Europe, with lower costs and a skilled labour force seeking employment.

One or two possibilities have been mentioned, and Mr Carey felt the Japanese were becoming more outward looking. He believed Britain could offer many opportunities for the many opportunities for the many opportunities for the painstaking exporter. Japan was much more aware of the probuse for exporters from Europe.

NRDC stake

in miniature

TV project

By Our Technology Correspondent

The National Research De-

velopment Corporation con-

firmed yesterday that it has embarked on a joint-venture pro-

ject with Sinclair Radionics-

which last month launched a

"pocket" television set with a two-inch screen—that might in

volve an investment of nearly

The aim of theh project is to develop improved versions of the company's ministure tele-

An NRDC executive said

yesterday that if the market expanded satisfactorily and if the

poration if the project is suc-

last April, but the formal signing of the Sinclair agreement

was postponed until the £650,000 of new capital in the company by the National Enterprise Board was concluded in Decem-

Funding by the NRDC began

£750,000 over several years.

vision set.

cessful.

During extensive talks in Japan—Mr Carey also went to Korea and Hongkong—he says he took a tough posture with regard to Japan's export poli-cies. He stressed that there was a limit to what Europe could take, and there were protective pressures on European governments if Japan did not open up her markets. Mr Carey said he accepted

that British exporters had to be much more determined in over-coming non-tariff barriers and getting to grips with the Japanese distributive system. More joint ventures were needed, along with the invest-ment of much time and effort.

Britain was in the running for power station contracts in the Far East. In Japan Mr Carey had raised the question of orders for the BAC-111 modified aircraft, though there was a reluctance to make up minds. He had seen opportunities for such things as medical equipment and offshore equipment as well as items such as clothing, whisky, and other products

attracting Japanese demand. He also felt that his studies of Korea suggested possibilities for British investment in securing a share of Far East manufacturing.

Korea, he said, was where Japan had been 10 to 15 years ago, and would continue to expand, perhaps in those areas where Japan might tend to go "up market" as Korea's impact on volume production was more



Mr Peter Carey: Japanese investment in Britain is too small.

Korea was a good base for exporting to South East Asia. Despite some risks the regime seemed pretty stable and there was no doubt industry was de-veloping very fast.

Minister's plea to support job release scheme

Mr Albert Booth, Secretary Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday appealed to employers and trade union officials to give more backing to the Government's "job release scheme", the arrangement under which workers within one year of statutory pensionable age give up their jobs and make way for younger unemployed persons in return for a tax free weekly allowance.

In a letter sent to 28,500 employers and 400 union officials, Mr Booth asks for help in making the scheme which began on January 3 as effective as possible. By February 3 as effective as possible. as effective as possible. By February 11, only 8,805 applications had been received,

"Although it is early in the scheme's life", Mr Booth writes, "I am a little disappointed by the numbers of those in employment so far taking part, and I fear that this may, perhaps, be because the existence of details of the scheme are not sufficiently widely known."

Brussels sees clash in talks on buffer stocks cause back 100 years

scheduled to run from March 7

trial nations could reach bi-

industrial nations and not speaking for the EEC.

Geneva meeting could produce

any of four results. It could be

postponed, or break down in disagreement, some industrial countries such as The Nether-

lands and Scandinavia might

create a breakaway common fund without their partners or

all the industrial countries might give way at the last moment—as in Nairobi last

year—and accept the demands of the less developed countries. He said it seemed the Carter

Administration would not get clearance from Congress to

cover a United States contri

bution for an International Monetary Fund scheme on com-

pensatory financing for com-modity buffer stocks.

If this happened and the Unctad meeting produced no

results, industrial nations would have to review their position

ownership now being investi-

Union, "perhaps an acceptable form of "land nationalization"

mand for good large farms had recovered in the past six months

with prices often reaching more than £1,000 an acre. "Perhaps

the most dramatic increase has

been in the potato-growing areas

about 41 per cent on lease-backs, 21 per cent on invest-

ment farms and between 2 and

3 per cent on traditional let estates. Rents quoted during the year had risen by 30 per

fidence of the larger farmer against the background of in-

was the effect on profitability

of the last two years of potato

"This reflects the overall con-

prices." Another factor

It quoted market yields of

of Scotland ", it said.

The company said that de-

Institutions are stepping up

face of current texation legis against the background of in-lation that land ownership will cressed potential cereal yields

and

purchases of farmland

He told the conference the

Brussels, Feb 21.-Next month's negotiating conference on a common fund to finance buffer stocks of major com-modities will probably end in another clash between the less developed countries and the main industrialized nations, Mr Jose Nicolai, head of the Raw Materials Secretariat of the EEC Commission said today.

tury view of "The board of directors is the corporate Mr Nicolai told a European conference on investment in businessmen and its primary role is to make executive decommodities here that no reasonable compromise was likely to be reached by the cisions" not only negates all the serious thinking and writing that has taken place this United Nations Conference on Trade and Development minis-terial meeting in Geneva, century on the company as an integral part of society but flies directly in the face of the declared role of the institute to April 1. He said later he was very itself-to raise the professional pessimistic on a short-term compromise but thought indusstatus of directors.

Direct refutation of this view can be found in the writings of Lord Tangley, Viscount Chandos and Lord Warkinson et al, as well as a host of academics on both sides of the Atlantic. It is also quite clear that had this given argument of the company of the compan lateral agreement with some commodity producers in Africa providing they avoided major confrontations at international meetings. He added that he was summarizing the views of this view prevailed 16 years ago the institute's own bible Sundard Boardroom Practice would never have been written. The basis of the grass roots opposition to Bullock among the

Hopefully political expediency will dictate that Bullock disappears in a labryinth of further "consultations", but unless a concerted effort is made now to define, refine and publicize exactly what it is that a board of directors collectively and a director as an individual is supposed to do, we may be sure that the genuine need for democratic expression will once again be aimed at the wrong target of the boardroom door, instead of, as it should, the dual target of company meetings and consultative committees.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN CHUDLEY,
MARTIN ROSENHEAD,

ERNEST SNELLING, Directors, Grosvenor Gardens House, 35-37 Grosvenor Gardens.

Inflation accounting

From Mr C. Westwick situation of a profit and loss screen. The Inflation Accounting account on current cost principles and a balance sheet on sions that it is omniscient and instorical cost accounting principles. we therefore welcome reasoned comments on the Exposure Draft 18. On inflation accounting, and in particular sugges-tions for tackling the practical problems of implementing it. We should not like it to be we should not like it to be thought that we wish to stifle criticism but some of the remarks that have been recently reported as having been made do appear to call for comment in order to give a

more balanced picture. The steering group will consider all written submissions. In fact, very few have been received so far (and none from those who have been recently reported in the press!). We would welcome more comment because it is important that the steering group should not be unduly influenced by commentators who are perhaps more vocal than representative. It has been suggested that ED 18 is too complicated. Critics who make this particular point would appear to be confusing length with complexity. We have endeavoured to provide a reasonably compre-hensive guide to the totality of a new accounting system. One a new accounting system. One should not compare ED 18 with previous exposure drefts but with the length of an exposure draft required to describe, for

example, the historical cost accounting system. It has been suggested that the exposure draft should be limited to depreciation, the cost of sales adjustment, the valuation of stock and the valuation of fixed assets. This suggestion is somewhat surprising as the items concerned account for nearly all of the length of ED 18 and also of the work required to produce current cost accounts.

To those who suggest that an ED 18 type statement is unan ED 18 type statement is unauditable, we would point to the accounts of the first three companies to publish ED 18 statements—Redman Heenan, Ackroyd and Smithers, and P. J. Carroll. All these accounts have been audited by respectively Peat Marwick. Thomson McLintock, and Craig Gardner. Just as accountants have respended to the challenge of ponded to the challenge of providing more useful informa-tion to companies, in a period

tion to companies, in a period of inflation, so it is important that the auditors should also respond to the challenge of auditing this new information and we are sure that the Audit Practices Committee will do so.

One wonders how well researched was the comment that ED 18 has been inadequately researched. For the record, the Inflation Accounting Steering Group consulted continuously throughout the production of ED 18 over 120 companies covering the whole companies covering the whole spectrum of British industry and some 80 representative bodies. Moreover, the proposals were discussed by working parties, the steering group itself, and by the ASC before being published.

There has also been a suggestion that current cost accounting should be intro-duced initially into the profit and loss account only by means of a cost of sales adjust-ment and increased depreciation. This suggestion is attrac-tive and we will no doubt con-sider it again. However, it would lead to the anomalous

Tumover

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Earnings)

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Moreover, and perhaps more important, there is little evi-dence that this would lead to any substantial reduction the workload on companies. To recalculate depreciation and the cost of sales it is necessary to revalue fixed assets and

There has also been a suggestion that the use of indices in valuing assets would be perfectly adequate. One wonders what evidence the commenta-tors have for this suggestion. Our field testers rejected the idea of using CSO indices on the grounds that the results would in some circumstances be misleading, and it was at their request that the choice of methods was included in ED

There is some confusion about the term "modern equivalent asset". We are not asking companies to value what they would like to have but, in valuing what they have, to bear in mind the effect on of the existence of better re-placements which will tend to ing asset

should be disclosed and available for those who want to use it than that there should be no data at all.

It is most important that

CHRIS WESTWICK

Secretary, The Inflation Accounting

the value of existing old assets depress the value of the exist-

It is true that we have not defined distributable profit. The reason for this is that there is by no means agreement amongst either accountants or businessmen or law-yers as to what is the substance of the business which should be maintained before a company may distribute any chairman, profit. We have, however, made a major step forward in requiring companies to set out of ECA. in the appropriation account and in the directors' report or the notes to the accounts they have arrived at a figure for distributable profit. This is

a major step forward in disclosure.

There has been a fair amount of criticism of our treatment of monetary items but it would not be unfair to but it would not be unfair to say that for every company that wants us to go further there is another company which feels that we have gone too fer. This seems to be a subject which generates a fairly large amount of emotion and it is highly desirable that there should be a compromise rather than nothing at all. It is better that the information should be disclosed and avail-

accountants should adapt to the relatively new world of ris-ing prices and that published accounts should present a more realistic picture to investors and other readers. However, it is human nature to resist change because it means more work, tackling the unfa-

miliar and moving out of a comfortable rut.

If accountants fail to respond to this challenge they. will have neglected their responsibility to their public and the probability is that they will be replaced by others more willing to perform the needed service.

cause back 100 years

From Mr J. Chudley and others
Sir, In his letter (February 14) the director-general of the Institute of Directors has just put in the cause of British industry in the cause of

Smills. trial agreement on unfi missals to be exempted fa-.....cas statutory employment

tion machinery provided the 1974 Trade Unio Labour Relations Act. The Electrical Cont Association (which to with the equal represents the unions, comprises the has given full support application which would, view benefit all concern The JTB disputes proce

tailor-made for the indus can be brought into effer quickly than an industr bunal. It has wider and flexible remedies availab than a tribunal, and is more likely to bring a reconciliation and improdustrial relations. It is much less costly means (ing with complaints of dismissal than a minuse from the employer's ar state's point of view. In general, the associat lieves that the IIB pro-can do more to achieve the of the legislation for the try than can the applica.

an ordinary "across the tribunal. It is quite clear that t application has been re ment of Employment. Since the application made in 1974, all sorts conical objections have made, and all have

answered. The trouble is that no. industry has made an t tion under this section : ing because we are pion the IIB concept, and a such as ours, with provisidisputes to be heard, and ing judgments to be m independent people, is it British industry.
The delegation made

their disappointment at t tudes of the minister, t larly his indication the application had "cast do the original thinking this provision in the Ac One might have though the Government would b ing eagerly for ways of a aging the industrial re-philosophy implicit in ti-and would welcome pion: -ideas which could wel-wide implications for the

struction industry.
This is especially reletible light of the recen report on comparative pance on large sites which indicates that there is n for completency about trial relations in constru

The Electrical Contractor Association, 32-34 Palace Court, February 11.

Life assurance From Mr Graham M. I. Sir, May I mention one tant omission from you of life assurance low surviviles quoted in your enarricle (February 12)?

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Yours truly, G. M. KITCHEN, Bassetsbury Lane, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP1

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lems for exporters from Europe. strongly felt. Engineers' chief against

power disconnexions By Malcolm Brown Mr Robert Flux, chairman of the power division of the Institution of Electrical Institution of Electrical Engineers, yesterday urged pro-fessional engineers to heed their responsibility to the com-munity and promote the idea Institution that power disconnexion should

never be used.

Speaking in London at the opening of an international conference on the reliability of power supplies. Mr Flux said that power supply disconnexion was the ultimate sanction that

ould only be used in desperat circumstances.
"I believe that continuity of power supply is so vital a factor in our struggle for economic recovery, or even survival, that it must be regarded as of a completely different order of importance to maintaining rail or postal services or whatever

else we may lack from time to time", he said. "What the H-Bomb is to military struggle so is power supply disconnesion in indus-trial strife."

\$1,550m pipe job to Mobil

programme met its "mile-stone" targets, the funding could approach £750,000. As with most NRDC joint-Mobil Oil, one of the part-ners in the Arabian American ners in the Arabian American
Oil Co (Aramco) has been
awarded a contract by Petromin, the Saudi Arabian state
oil company to design and
manage the construction of a
\$1,550m (£900m) pipeline that
will link the oilfields in the
east of the country with the
port of Yanbu on the Red Sea.
The 48-inch diameter line venture agreements, the Sin-clair deal involves a 50/50 shar-ing of costs by the corporation and the company, with an appropriate return to the cor-The 48-inch diameter line will be 1,370 kilometres long with a capacity of 2-23 million barrels of oil a day, according to the magazine Middle East Economic Survey. Yanbu is to

area and Mobil is already involved in plans for a 250,000 barral a day refinery and an enhylene based perrochemical complex in the area.

The magazine also reported that Qatar would pay Shell \$24m compensation for the company's remaining 40 per cent stake in offshore oil developments, taken over by the

Shell declined to comment on the report, which also stated that it would receive a 15 cent a berrel fee for continuing to manage and operate the fields and would also buy an average of 145,000 barrels of oil a day be developed into an industrial

In brief

EEC production 7pc higher last year

Industrial production in the good transport facilities should European Community, excluding the brought about by subing the building industry, rose by about 7 per cent in 1976, according to preliminary estimates of the statistics office, the EEC commission said yesterday.

production fell at an average rate of 7.4 per cent from 1974. France, Italy, Belgium and Denmark had a growth rate in industrial output of more than 9 per cent, but in the United Kingdom it was below 2 per cent. In the raw materials and semi-finished goods industry, the 1976 growth rate was a little under 10 per cent.

'Scrap subsidies' call

Transport subsidies should be scrapped where possible, Mr F. A. Everard, chairman of the British Motor and Sailing Ship Owners' Association, said

Issued Capital

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Total Assets

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Profits before Taxation

after Taxation

sidles, which might give one system a competitive advantage.

Call to exploit exports of baby wear to Japan

The British Overseas Trade The average production index for 1976 was about 115 (1970 equals 100). In 1975, industrial potential market in Japan for exports of babies' and children's clothing and baby care products. This is the conclusion of a report, "The Japanese Market for Childrens Apparel and Baby Supplies", BOTS, 1 Vic-toria St, London SWIH 0ET. £5. The report also suggests that the market could be developed by design and technical licensing agreements which would remove problems of consumer regulations.

Carpet plant sheds 200

Wormalds, Walker and Atldnson, the Dewsbury, Yorkshire, woollen textile manufacturers, yesterday. Mr Everard told is closing down its carpet yarn On the Austral the association's annual meet-division, reducing by nearly a concern that ing that shipowners believed third its total workforce. About get fair prices.

Extract from Accounts at 31st December, 1976.

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200 employees are expected to be made redundant by the end of May.

French deficit wider

France's seasonally adjusted trade deficit widened in January to 2,384m' francs (about £280m) from 1,323m francs in December and 920m francs a year ago, the External Trade Ministry announced yesterday. Imports increased to 27,679m francs from 26,033m in December and 20,917m a year seo. Exports increased to 25,295m francs from 24,710m in December and 19,997m in January, 1976.

Coke and ore talks

continue to pass from the wealthy private owner to the institutions", Jones Lang Woot-ton said. It considered such

A Japanese delegation has begum negotiating prices for buying Australia's coking coal and iron ore. The Japanese want prices maintained at last year's levels and there are threats of scaled down imports in the face of large stockpiles On the Australian side, there is concern that miners may not sea fair prices

New system for bank clearing services

institutions do not.

By Hugh Clayton

Total funds allocated by in-

stitutions for investment in farmland rose by between a third and a half last year, Jones

Lang Wootton, the estate agents,

reported yesterday. As much as £75m may have been ear-marked for such investment in

The company, which handled

14,000 acres in deals for invest-ment clients last year, added, "The private investor was of

year". Buying of farms by City institutions and pension funds is resented by many farmers

market significance last

because family owners face tax the demands every generation while cent.

"It seems inevitable in the

An ICL 2960 computer has been delivered to Bankers' Automated Clearing Services (BACS) as the first part of a (BACS) as the this part of a file order. At present the organization uses four ICL 1904S machines.

Owned jointly by five of the main clearing banks, BACS was the to provide electronic

set up to provide electronic funds transfer within the British banking system. The four 19045 computers handle about 280 million money transfers a year at present.

at present.

The transfers are handled electronically, so reducing the volume of paper vouchers in the clearing system. Transfers are received on magnetic tape produced by bank computers, and by more than 2,200 companies and corporations in the private and public sectors.

After processing, they are distributed on magnetic tape to the banks holding the accounts to be debited or credited. BACS claims to be the largest paperless money transmission service in operation anywhere in the

ICL pushes 'Ten'

The improved version of the ex-Singer System Ten computer announced by ICL last week— the System Ten 220 Series—has heen introduced within five months of the British company's formal acquisition of the international operations of Singer Business Machines. It emphasizes ICL's aim not

only to hold on to the Singer customer base, but also to develop further its interest in the small-business-system end of the computer spectrum.

Mr Peter Ellis, ICL market-

ing director, reaffirms the company's claim that the System Ten and ICL's own 2903 system Ten and ICL's own 2903 small computer are complementary products. "On System Ten alone", he says, "we have taken £7.5m worth of orders in the past three months".

The new 220 series, he suggests, will win orders worth the suggests, will win orders worth the suggests, will win orders worth the suggests.

over £100m by 1980, with the

wast majority coming from outside the United Kingdom. ICL's sales force has increased significantly as a result of the Singer acquisition, Mr Ellis says; the company's smell-system customer base has been doubled and its "intelligent terminal" cus-tomer base has been trebled; and it has gained a strong posi-tion in the expanding markets for retail point-of-sale and factory data-collection systems.
"In addition to strengthen

Computer news

ing our presence in Germany and France, new market opportunities have been created in Finland, Norway, Spain and Italy and our order books in

these countries are already looking very healthy.

"Our new subsidiary, ICL Inc, has offices in major ciries throughout the United States and, through a recently established dealer network, our products are now sold in 11 cities in Japan and an even greater number in Latin

Oilfield forecasting

The oil division of BOC Data-solve, the £8m turnover services company which is owned by BOC International, has formed a new group to forecast the behaviour of North Sea oilfields computer simulation tech-

The group will draw on con-sultancy from Mr Lew Ridings, formerly vice-president of Ryder Scott Petroleum Engineers, Houston, and now principal petroleum engineering consultant to Datasolve's oil division; and from two new One is with the petroleum

engineering department of Heriot-Watt University, headed by Professor Jim Brown. The other is with Dr Colin Phipps and Partners, of Malvern, Worcestershire.

These two organizations will provide petroleum engineering staff, for the new group's pro-jects. The service will be based on obtaining a comprehensive understanding of the likely behaviour of petroleum reser-

Nixdorf terminal Nixdorf has announced in

Britain the Model 8820 distributed processing terminal, with the claim that it offers double the processing power of com-peting machines at the same price—from £13,750 for the basic machine.

Since its introduction Germany, about 500 of the 8820 terminals have been installed in continental Europe, and a further 1,500 have been ordered, mainly by large companies and government organi-

Kenneth Owen

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Years ended October 51.0m 53.9m41.3m Profit before tax 670,330 781,078 678,869 Profit after tax & extraordinary items 319,025 179,291 402,531 91,405 86,015 99,968

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

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the year to the are forecast at This is after pro-as of £690,000, but nd the underlying £340,000 emphasmal the trading

had 67p a share last year (prob-:e 80p now), and properties with potential. But the out that the assets

anead; and there is still the threat of a rights issue (which could not anyway suffice to solve the problems) in the background. The advice to accept the offer looks sound.

Marchwiel Coming good **Overseas**

Marchwiel's drive for overseas work to counter the depression at home has started to pay off. A f4m turnround to foreign profits of f3.3m accounts for all of last year's 53 per cent pretax improvement to £10.7m—struck after a f1m pension fund provision.

More intriguing, however, is the effect of the United King-dom construction recession on Marchwiel's liquid funds. With last year's fine weather enabling fast contract completions at home and the subsequent release of provisions and retentions, cash has swollen from last year's £14m to almost £26m —a figure out of all proportion to current turnover.

So the shares up 6p yesterday So the shares up 6p yesterday to 142p are still some 15p below liquid assets of 157p a share. With the outlook looking stodgy at best in the United Kingdom although industrial building activity is providing some cushion to public spending curbacks, any let-up in this rising tide of liquidity seems unlikely tide of liquidity seems unlikely for at least 18 months.

There is presumably little point in Marchwiel making acquisitions in the construction sector at home while the expansion of the overseas base—num-over more than trebled to £45m last year—has so far not proved particularly burdensome.

Meanwhile, the group in partnership with Laing is still vying for a potentially massive sites of the £1,000m Tehran to Tabris railway project in Iran which if it gets the go-shead could require huge initial fund-

With this project unlikely to affect Marchwiel before 1978, the current year could see the group marking time although the overseas emphasis is likely to contique to increase dramatically. Substantial contracts have already been won in the Sudan and the Arab Emirates while new markets are being attacked in the Middle East and

The scheme currently being put forward by brokers James Capel for "warehousing" capel for "warehousing" excess sales of gilts by the authorities is almost certainly one that has been bandied around in the Bank of England. The essence of the scheme is that to ensure that the Course. that to ensure that the Govern favourable market conditions to sell gilts, any surplus sales of gilts that threaten to overdepress the money supply should be offset by central government departments being temporarily allowed to deposit funds in the banking system whereas at the moment sur-pluses automatically go towards running down borrowings.

This approaches the govern-ment-funding problem from a different angle than that of last autumn when the dehate centred instead on new methods marketing gilts. It remains to be seen, however, whether the authorities, who prefer to see last summer's setback as exceptional, have any more time for it than they appear to have had for floating rate

" warehousing ' the system does appear to offer scope for a smoother course for to realize in the DCE—a course that Mr Healey n the meantime, told the IMF he wished to main high despite achieve and which could otherip sales: there is of dividends this in 1978-79 as the required sales for some years of gilts rises appreciably again.

of just over 31 and despite the miserable yield of 3.3 per cent—the dividend is 13 times covered—look good against the

Final: 1975/76 (1974/75) Capitalization £23.5m Sales £182m (£144m) Pre-tax profits £10.7m* (£7m) Earning per share 38.5p (20.2p) Dividend gross 4.69p (4.26p)
*After deducting £1m pension fund premium.

City loan Of interest to the GLC

The new £25m Corporation of London stock—flat yield of 13.45 per cent and gross redemption yield of 13.58 per cent-may not be anything like as generous as the recent FFI offering but it is still a good point and a half above a comparable gilt and also offers small advantage over the similarly dated GLC stock.

There is also a near 4-week run in £10 paid form and then a long run from mid-March to early July at £50 paid. So barring a setback in the gilt mar-ket between now and Thursday morning, the stock should go well enough—all of which should doubtless be of consi-derable interest to the GLC which the market reckons to have a very much larger issue

Room to move

Early next month BOC Interlodges its appeal the United States Federal Trade Commission's rul-ing that it should divest its 34 per cent holding in Airco. A decision is expected by December, which if favourable will allow exchange of commercial and technical information and merging of interests, which the FTC has so far disallowed. Meanwhile, Airco is already fully justifying BOC's invest-

Dividend income exceeds the cost of interest on related borrowings; the pre-tax return on cost plus retained profits, given in the 1976 balance sheet, is 29 per cent, and market value at £74m exceeds book value by

If the fight goes to the Supreme Court a decision may not be known until 1980 but, in fact, BOC could disinvest now without any bad damage to the halance sheet.

five years. Revaluation of assets (£39m), currency changes (£33m) and remined profit added £85.3m to capital employed at £519m while working capital increases were small and borrowings reduced. From being 45.1 per cent of capital am-ployed in 1974 borrowings have fallen to 29. per cent, a ratio which the board regards on the low side, but despite capital spending of more than £60m should remain about the same

First quarter profits due to morrow will give the best guide as to how good the current year will be. But at 65½p, the p/e ratio on outside estimates of £88m pre-tax for the current year, is under five, and the prospective yield, assuming no change in dividend restraint polici, is 6.9 per cent. On that basis the shares should at least match the market.

Accounts 1976 (1975) Capitalization — (£168.1m) Net assets £240.4m (£191.1m) Borrowings £153m (£156m) Pre-tax profit £73.6m (£46.1m)

A package deal that could save the goods trains

When Mr William Rodgers, the Secretary of State for Transport, gives evidence this afternoon to the Commons select committee examining British Rail he will doubtless remind it of his department's unwaver-ing determination to get more freight on rail "whenever this makes economic sense". 'Alas, it is a phrase without meaning. Not even a pious hope: for his civil servants are privately convinced that there is no long-term future for any but the heaviest "merry-go-round" trains hauling coal and

Richard Hope, Editor of 'Railway Gazette', argues that greater efficiency is the key to a greater BR share of freight business

It is a false dawn, compounded of belated price increases and wage restraint in a labour-intensive industry. Ton miles hauled are the lowest this century—disastrous for a mode of transport with high fixed coats and port with high fixed costs and which thrives on volume.

Loss of higher-rated traffic in the 1960s has cut earning division plan for a secondgeneration Freightliner system to carry containers, code-named Speedlink, Doubtless intended to dispose of a bizarre proposal that would have played havoc with traditional operations and labour agree-ments, the validation contained astonishing cost figures for buy-ing, maintaining and fuelling container trains. On this basis British Rail should be charg-ing Freightliners Ltd at least three times what Freightliners is actually paying today for train measurem.

Speedlink costs were cer-tainly exaggerated — though British Rail denies this—but-they also highlight the fact that nearly all locomorives and most wagons were built before the 1968 Transport Act, which wrote off much of the railway capital debt. It is all too obvious that current freight charges are providing for replacement of rolling stock and motive The second report recom-

mended lopping up to 2,500 miles off the 9,000-mile passenger network; in return, the National Bus Company would be forced to withdraw long-

distance coaches competing with inter-city trains. Of course, the two events are connected only in the minds of the British Rail board. There is not the slightest indication that either the Government or the National Bus Company wants to restrict cheap travel by long-distance coach, though both parties would be delighted to see a large number of trains replaced by buses since the Government could take anydrop in freight and passenger

thing up to £100m off British
Rail's passenger subsidy.
Many of the lines British
Rail wants to strip of passengers are cross-country links such as Joswich-Doncaster, on such as Joswich-Doncaster, on which freight now gets a free ride because track costs are covered by the block passenger grant. And Mr Rodgers told the Commons quite emphatically on January 20: "Nothing I have heard since taking up my present office in September has led me to see a justification for led me to see a justification for long-term subsidies to any mode of freight transport."
Unable to absorb perhaps

£50m of additional track costs, the general freight business would suffer a major collapse as individual customers switched to road because they could not afford a "private siding" 20 miles long.

Quite right, too, the economists would say, though the public, who would have to suffer the social and environmental costs of more heavy lowies, might view it differently. Further, it is hard to see how our railways-already seriously overmanned and under-used by continental standards — are going to become more efficient then faced with a further large

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Happily, there is large scope for improving the economics of rail freight through better use of men and assets. Moreover, the very fact that British Railway's share of national freight revenue is a miserable 4 per cent means that there is a lot of hard cash to be picked up once unit costs can be brought down and service standards It is not just that British

Railways pays our up to 10 times as much as the road haulier in crew wages for each mile covered by a train or lorry, thus throwing away the inherent economy of trains. The crippling restrictions which traditional operating methods stock mean that locomotives and wagons spend far too much time standing still. Tripling the fleet of rolling stock to intro-

" realişm " research division's original pro-posal was a major factor in the demise of Speedlink.

The railwayman regards "merry-go-round" coal trains as a miracle of high utilization, with wagons spending two hours at the colliery instead of two days. Yet the actual loading may take 30 minutes and cutting terminal time by half on a 15-mile haul makes a big saving What road baulier would waste two hours at the pithead if he could load in 30 minutes?

At last week's select committee hearing Mr Peter Parker, British Rail's chairman, re-peated the call for Freightliners Ltd to be returned to British Rail control. This is crucial, because any attempt to make rail freight viable is clearly going to need major and closely coordinated changes on four fronts: marketing, operating, industrial relations and

Direct control of container carrying is vital if—as is likely—closer integration of container, trainload and wagonload services proves necessar But Mr Parker's cry for more

investment just to prevent British Rail "freezing to death" will certainly be rejected by Mr Rodgers, Whitehall's view is that if the Backing are in the string again. Beeching axe is to swing again, money for trains is money wasted. No, this time the railwaymen

have to change their spots first. Essentially, this means a package deal in which unions and management together offer government a viable strategy for a larger freight business based on agreement to operate more efficiently with one-man Lower movement costs

better service might well cap-ture 40 million tons a year from the roads, doubling British Rail's freight revenue and stabilizing road ton-miles.

Convince a Labour govern-ment of this and British Rail would get its investment soon would get his investment soon mough. Until that happens, Whitehall is happy to adopt the attitude of letting British Rail freeze in the dark.

Pay policy worries for the local councils affectively or by making Even the harmonization of

Tomorrow morning 20 or 30 spokesmen for local authorities up and down the country, members of their national members of their national Conditions of Service Advisory Board, will call on Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, to put their views about the next stage of pay policy after July 31, if there is one.

Superficially there has been improvement, with British Rail's freight deficit cut from £67m on a 1975 turnover of £245m to about £40m last year.

power dramatically. While passenger fares chased costs,

rail freight revenue per ton-mile was exactly the same in 1974 as in 1964. Individual rates rose, but a lean and efficient

road haulage industry stripped layer after layer of business

Economic growth could con-

ceivably put rail freight in the black by 1979—on present

accounting. With more govern-

ment grants for private sidings coming through and British Rail hoping for a 50 per cent rise in bulk freight on rail by the end

of the century, there seemed at least a fighting chance of making inroads into the longer

road hauls, provided EEC safety rules on lorry drivers' hours were anforced. Had not the

Environment Secretary admitted

last July that each heavy lorry

Rail freight, however, also enjoys hidden props. British Rail itself surprisingly put two

of them in jeopardy last autumn by submitting for

Whiteball's eager consumption two confidential reports.

should be paying an £1,700 a year in taxes?

rween government and the two sides of industry which would at the same time allow a wide extension of collective bargainallow a wide BOC's gearing ratios have trol of pay movements. should be a defined total limit

They are expected to suggest new social contract be-

for each pay group which might contain two elements—a small general increase; of per cent or x pounds, and a further y per cent to cover all other increases in earnings through such things as the cor-rection of anomalies, restora-tion of differentials, consolidation of part of the supplements of the past two years into basic pay, productivity bargains, overtime, fringe bei How this y per cent would be used would be a matter for much more flexible than the rigid limits on individual items

Tomorrow a represent the employers of nearly three milcountry's workforce including town hall staff and manual workers, builders and other social workers and many others: they will also speak

rurer in industrial relations, and Ken Jones, a teaching fel-

Worker Directors Speak will

also contain a swipe at the Bullock Committee, not so much upon the majority recommendations but because

the committee did not invite the BSC worker directors to

The worker directors want

the BSC scheme to be enlarged, giving them "initially" a third of the seats on the main board, and they say that

the general principle of worker directorship is one that should

be attempted throughout in-

give evidence.

dward Heath's policy.

contained in Phase 3 of Mr

The suggestion they have in

mind arises our of the prob-lems they foresee for local government in some proposals for a new pay policy, but they are problems which will also face many other industries and services. They are unlikely to go into detail when it is uncertain whether it will be possible to reach agreement on a new policy at all, and when no one knows the Chancellor's Budget intentions, which could have an important effect on the take-home pay of the low paid and on differentials. They will hope for a further

meeting after the terms of the Budget are known. They may concentrate meanwhile on their view that a third stage is essential if an inflationary out-burst is to be avoided. They urge that any measures decided upon should avoid the administrative burdens of the present stage, which necessit-ates special calculations each ates special calculations eath pay day for each employee and includes provisions on incre-mental scales which they have found almost-impossible to But sooner or later they will

come back to their main anxiety, which arises out of trade union pressures for consolidation of the present pay supplements into basic pay. This would mean a much higher basis for the calculation of bonus payments and over-time premia and could add nearly £70m to their wage

The latest Department that bonus payments were more than 12 per cent of the Eric Wigham

men covered by the local authority manual workers joint council and overtime premiums amounted to 10; per cent. The proportions are much lower for women but higher for 120,000 craftsmen, taking the two items together.

The figures are not exceptional in some industries, such as constructional and civil engineering and sections of transport and textiles, they are much higher. But local government is a labour-intensive sermanual workers operate under bonus schemes. Under their national guide-

lines the schemes provide for payment of one third above basic rates for a standard performance", but many of them have got out of hand. In some authorities mea are sarn-ing up to 100 per cent above The direct cost of consolida-

tion would probably not be the end of it. There has already en mounting disserisfaction among those not on bonus schemes at their comppratively low earnings. A sudden further increase in the gap could well cause a storm which would compel the employers to do something for the non-bonus workers either by extending bonus schemes to those to whom it is impractical to apply

"Heu" payments, or, at the worst, by spreading the prac-tice of offering them additional overtime. If a general pay increase were permitted of, say, 5 per cent this in addition to imme-diate full consolidation and un-

avoldable lieu payments, could well add £250m to the national pay bill—equivalent to an average increase in rates of between 2p and 3p in the pound though, of course, it would vary a good deal between one authority and another. In the circumstances the employers feel strongly that consolida-Alarmed by the extent to which bonus schemes have

been ill-conceived or allowed

to deteriorate, so that the cost of some has little relation to productivity, the marshalling their thoughts on the possibility of reform. Two papers on productivity pre-pared for the employers side of the national joint council manual workers by Mr Brian Rusbridge, the secretary, have been discussed and redis-cussed in the most thorough exercise in employer consul-tation ever undertaken in local

verpment. No immediate action is possible to buy out bad bonus schemes because increases are not allowed under the present pay policy and the unions refuse to enter into discussions which can result in decreases but cannot result in increases. bonus schemes in the ceorganized local authorities has had to stop, in some cases in midstream. Nevertheless, broad lines of

policy have emerged to provide a basis for proposals to the unions when opportunity allows. Some authorities still say that their bonus schemes more than pay for themselves, but others admit that theirs are costly and There is a desire to get away

from the rather rigid national guidelines and adopt a more flexible framework which, within limits, will allow each scheme.

It is widely efforts should into line and control the gap between bonus and non-bonus earners, perhaps with an upper limit on bonus earnings. There is no overall plan to replace-them by measured day work, but there is agreement that work study should be regarded mainly as a management tool. rether than as a basis for incentive payments.

Whether or not their frame-work for a new pay policy is adopted, local authorities will continue to urge very strongly that there should be freedom to reform pay structures and that, so far as productivity agreements are permitted, em-phasis should be placed on the updating of existing schemes, with new schemes introduced only if it is shown that they

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who are to head British Aerospace's two main divisions Freddie Page (aircraft) and George Jefferson (space and

have eschewed the idea of hav-

ing an overall chief executive and Page and Jefferson will b managing directors of their divisions as well as chairmen. Both are engineers by training, and both were with the English Electric company which is now part of BAC. Sir Peter Fletcher, the direc-tor of Hawker Siddeley Aviation responsible for inter-national and military affairs, is being tipped in the aircraft industry to join the board of British Aerospace soon.

Up the workers ill, cha'rman of Up the WORKERS idley, who would a certainty for one At least a third of the board Revision Steel Corporation



the worker director principle should apply throughout in-dustry. These are two of the points in a manifesto signed by the 18 present worker directors of BSC in a book to be published in May. At the moment there is

worker director, Ward Griffiths, on the BSC main board and 17 more on divisional had a worker director system

The book, which is to be entitled Worker Directors Speak, is being placed with Gower Press today and a simultaneous paperback deal is likely to be made this week. It is not a BSC venture as such. The book is both by and about the directors, and was prepared in collaboration with two London Buriness Echool

Fruit and vegetable suppliers resent the size of advertising budgets which support rivals in the canning and freezing united to answer back.

Now, however, the suppliers are taking on one of the giants of the food industry in a test case. The fresh produce trade is challenging the long-stand-ing habit of the processed side

Beanstalk

of making value comparisons with fresh produce. The target is the latest lingual, knowledge of French Heinz campaign in newspapers and German," That could make which shows labels from spa-the right person trilingual, in which shows labels from spa-ghetti and bean cans impaled on sticks like gardeners' seed packets. The captions include: "Two vegetables that don't another language. Our guess is cost the earth" and "At the that the successful candidate present price carrots wouldn't

tempt anyone".
Jonathan Choat, director of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable

plained to the Advertising Standards Authority that the low in industrial relations and campaign is "directly mislead a former social policy adviser ing" and includes "knocking copy . "I was unaware that spa-ghetti is a vegetable", he writes. "Nutritionally spaghetti

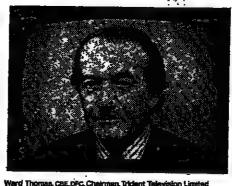
and beans cannot be considered as substitutes for fresh vegetables and it is dangerous to suggest that such replacenents should be made." Heinz declined to comment yesterday because the case was "sub judice". Strictly speaking, of course, the Advertising Stan-dards Authority is not a court of law but an admen's selfregulator.

The Heinz defence would probably be that tinned beans and spaghetti are now eaten less as toast-borne snacks and more like side vegetables with mest or as a component of

owned by the Swiss o rworking

but the Alfred Marks Burea staff agency's Baker Street office in London contains a notice saying: "3,500, American publishing co, to work for vice-president, Sec PA; bi-English, French and German-but "bilingual" means mor than having "knowledge of will be bilingual in that he or she will be perfectly at home English (Yinglish?).

"Trident Television has had a most successful year 35



REVENUE PROFITS UP

"Trident has had a most successful year," states Mr. G. E. Ward Thomas, Chairman of Trident Television Limited, in his Report for the year. "Television advertising revenue has been buoyant, moving up to second

place among the ITV contractors. Our Australian enterprise has developed to the point at which we begin to see a return on our investment and our other interests have . also substantially improved their

Pre-tax profit for the year ended 30th September 1976 was £4.82 million (1975: £2.09 million) and net earnings per share increased to 6.1 pence (2.5 pence).

	Year ended 30th Sept.1976	Year ended 30th Sept 1975
	5000	0000
Turnover .	47,176	33,860
Profit before Taxation	4,826	2,092
Earnings per Share	8.1 pense	2.5 pance
Dividend per Share	2.3 pence	2.1 pence-
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 A final dividend of 1.615 pence per share, together with the interim dividend already paid, makes a total dividend for the year of 2.322 pence per share (1975; 2.111 pence).

PROSPECTS

"We are currently forecasting a further increase in revenue and, despite increasing costs, we anticipate a further improvement in results both from television and from our other interests in the UK and overseas."

Mr. Thomas commented that Trident continued to maintain its strong liquid position, and that the time was appropriate to utilise funds for further acquisition. "All in all, I am confident that 1977

will be another year of successful growth for your Company," he added.

Annual Report available from: Trident House, Brooks Mews, W1Y1LF.

Trident Television Limited



SIEMENS

Information for Siemens Shareholders

Sales continue firm

Although worldwide sales for the first quarter of our-current fiancial year (from 1st october to 31st december 1976), achieved only modest 6% gains over the same period last year, a number of major contracts, concluded primarily with customers abroad, brought orders received to £ 1,650 million. This compares with £ 1,260 million a year ago. These contracts include a £ 100 million order from Nigeria for telephone switching centres, exchanges, and cable networks, and a £ 25 million order from Libya for local and STD telephone exchanges. Since it takes several years to execute major orders, it will be some time before they begin to influence plant capacity utilization. Total export orders increased to £ 550 million from £ 310 million a year ago. First quarter orders from the Federal Republic of Germany reached £ 730 million, exceeding by 11% the £ 640 million recorded last year. Despite a favourable first quarter, we anticipate only a slight gain in orders for the total 1976/77 financial year.

Worldwide sales during the first three months of the current financial year reached £ 1,360 million, a 6% increase over last year's figure of £ 1,190 million. With an 8%

Increase to £ 710 million (last year, £ 650 million), domestic business contributed somewhat more to this rise than did international business, which advanced 4% to £ 650 million (last year, £ 540 million). When figures are adjusted for cost-conditioned price trends, the real increase in total sales remains small. Comparable figures for the number of employees again showed a first quarter decline, falling 1.6% to 299,000. However, this tendency should moderate during the course of the 1976/77 financial year, provided that order receipts and sales continue to develop in line with expectations. First quarter employment costs were 6% higher this year than last, totalling £ 620 million as compared with £ 560 million.

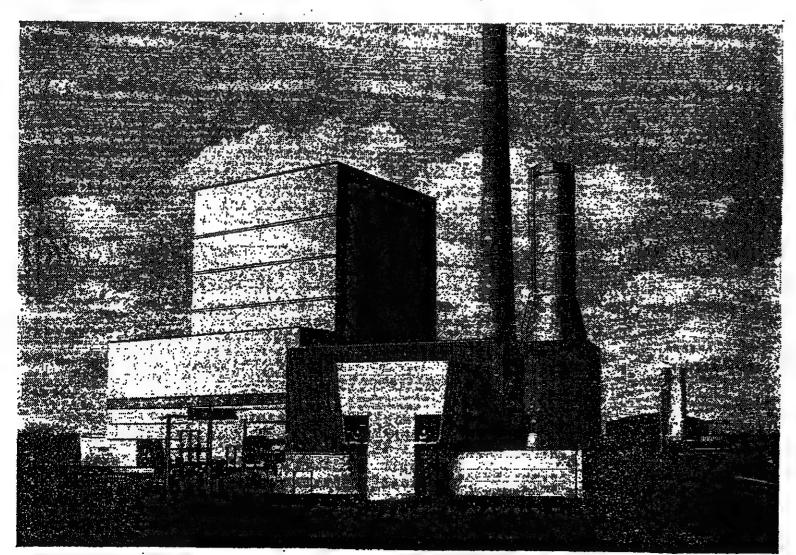
At £ 49 million, capital outlays for fixed assets during the first three months of the current financial year reached last year's first quarter levels. The preceding year saw an outlay of £ 23 million for the acquisition of further OSRAM shares, and £ 20 million for an increase in the capital of Kraftwerk Union AG.

Rising costs had an adverse effect on earnings; as a result, the net margin receded from 2.8% last year to 2.5%.

	1st Quarter 75/76	1st Quarter 76/77	Comparable Change*
Orders received (in millions of £)			
Domestic operations less export orders	950 310	1,280 550	+ 29% + 62%
Domestic business International business	640 620	730 920	+ 11% + 32%
	1,260	1,650	+ 22%
Seles (in millions of £)			
Domestic operations less export orders	910 260	1,040 330	+ 8%
Domestic business International business	650 540	710 850	+ 8% ; + 4%
	1,190	1,360	+ 6%

	. 30/8/70	3/12/76	Change*
Order backlog (in millions of £)	4,390	4,780	÷ 7%
Employees (in thousands) Domestic operations International operations	208 96	203 96	- 2% ± 0% _
	304	299	- 2%
	1st Quarter 75/76	1st Quarter 76/77	Comparable Change*
Employment costs (in millions of £)	560	620	+ 6%
Capital expenditures and investments (in millions of £)	93	49	- 36%
Inventories (31st Dec.) in % of sales	35%	35%	
Net income (In millions of £)	34	34	+ 1%

 Owing to the inclusion of OSRAM as of 1/1/76, all percentage changes stated on a comparative basis. All amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on 31th December 1976; £1 = DM 4.020,



Extended interest in powerstations and transformers

As of 1st January 1977 our interest in Kraftwerk Union AG. Muelheim, was increased from 50% to 100%, and our interest in Transformatoren Union AG, Stuttgart, from 50% to 75%. Both companies rank among the world

leaders in their respective fields - thermal power stations and transformers. Shown is the 720 MW coal-fired power station in Wilhelmshaven, completed by Kraftwerk Union in 1976.

Siemens AG in Great Ellin Clamens Ltd.

Europa

Unions and government continue to clash over inflation controls

The struggle in Western Germany, better placed than Europe between governments the others, hopes that price increases this year will fall from determined to control inflation determined to control inflation 4! per cent to less than 4 but and unions determined that there has been some concern wages shall at least keep pace with the rising cost of living 6.9 per cent. continues unabated in 1977.

There has already been a wave of one-day strikes and demonstrations in France against the Government's plan to peg increases to the cost of living. There was a wave of strikes by Dutch unions demanding that their wages should be pegged to the cost of living. The Italian Government has

failed to persuade the unions on a cost-of-living sliding scale arrangement, though minor changes have been made to reduce its impact, but total labour costs will be reduced by the burden of financing social security benefits from employers to indirect taxation. In Britain, there there has been no sliding scale arrange-ment since threshold increases ended in 1974, pay, under the second stage of the social contract between the Government and the unions, has not kept pace with rising prices but there is growing workshop opposition to a third year of

restraint after the present one ends at the end of July.

at initial wage settlements at

The larger table shows how hourly rates of pay in manufacturing industry and consumers price increases have compared since 1970. It gives a general idea of the trends, though pay rates do not repre-sent all a worker's earnings, self all a worker's carinings, still less all an employer's labour costs. Britain's figures, showing a 1 per cent increase between July and December last year, compared with an 11 per cent rise in prices only partially reflect percentage earnings rises under the new social contract. However earnings are now rising more slowly than prices, which are

For the moment, wage increases appear to be under

expected to continue a rapid upward movement for some

Italy, where they cont go up rapidly in the half of last year.

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	NALYSIS OF	MANUAL	LABOUR	COSTS*
	Direct pay and bonuses	Pay for days not worked	Total pay	Social Security
italy France Germany UK	60.30 62.05 69.26 82.12	9.60 8.17 10.63 7.71	69.90 70.22 79.89 89.83	27.62 25.63 17.78 8.17
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1973	135	119	142	120	156	122	145	127	121
1974	151	127	169	138	191	. 146	169	147.	131
1975	165	135	198	152	241	171	220	182	143
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Jan	170	· 138	211	160	253	181	249 :	''- 1 99	149
Feb				_	260	185	256	201	150
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April	174	141	219	164	263	194	261	. 206	151
May					288	197	264	- 208	152
June					288	198	267	210	153
July	176	141	228	167	298 -	199	268	212	155
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Sept					315	205	268	216	158
Oct			238	172	316	212	268	220	157
Nov					326	216	269	223	159 -
Dec							269	226	
12 month increase per cent	6	4	15	10	29	21	10	15	. 8

Business appointments

Top executive changes on Chubb Alarms Group board

Mr D. N. Dring has been the National Research Develop-appointed chairman of Chubb ment Corporation. Alarms Group. Mr K. M. Banks becomes managing director and Mr T. D. Ryan financial director.

Mr G. B. Jones has been named chairman of Unitrition International. Mr N. J. Stapleton, previously corporate planning manager, succeeds Mr Jones as development director, BOCM

Mr Jim Tinline is to become director/general manager of the packaging interests of Alf Cooks.

Mr Stuart Speller has been appointed to the board of C. Rowbolham & Sons (Underwriting Agency).

Sir Monty Finniston has been named chairman of the board of Alexander Findlay & Co, Sears Holdings subsidiary after the retirement of Mr J. C. Gardiner.

Mr Joe Gormley, president of the National Union of Mine-workers, has become a member of

Mr Barry McKengle has been appointed financial director and Mr Gordon Wood production director of World Distributors (Holdings). Mr John Lucken (distribution) and Mr Campbell-Goldsmid (product development and co-editions) become directors of World Distributors (Man-

becomes assistant to the chairman

and managing director of inter-national Chemical Company. Miss Jane Anstey has been

appointed to the board of Polecon, economic development consultants. Mr P. J. Dunkerley has been named managing director of Aerosols International, part of the health and chemicals division of

Mr Georgy Petrovich Kostylev, formerly head of the planning and economics department in the

retary of the Inter-Gove Maritime Consultative (

tion Maritime Safety Co Mr D. C. C. Roberts, Renevolent Invitation. Mr A. R. Phillips h elected a director of J. H. Co. United Kingdom no

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Mr N. Condulmeri i appointed executive vice-of Itel International. Mr F. Guy Corbi be vice-president in Crocke International Division in

Mr E. A. Carrington appointed a director or Windscape & Co. Mr N. J. Keen and h litchem become assists.

Mr H. N. Bowdier is 110

JOINT COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

RAND SELECTION CORPORATION LIMITED (Both incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

(Both incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Further to the announcement dated 19th January 1977, the directors of Angian Parket American Corporation of South Africa Limited ("AAC") and Rand Selection Corpor tion Limited ("RSC") announce that agreement in principle has been reached on the companies. RSC has also agreed to proceed with a rights offer raise around R80 million to cover the redemption of its R30 million cumulation redeemable preference shares to repay its short term borrowings from AAC and the companies of the envisaged commitments. Arrangements have been agreed in principle in the companies of the companies of the commitments against the description of the envisaged commitments. Arrangements have been agreed in principle in the companies of the commitment of the commitmen

with De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited which is a major snaremount of the decition to suspend was underwrite the offer.

The rights offer will be so arranged that in the event of the merger being successful with the economic successful with the e which they will receive AAC fully paid ordinary shares in respect of their subscriptio of the part of the same proportion as the merger terms which, subject to there being no maintain the same proportion as the merger terms which, subject to there being no maintain the changes in market conditions, are envisaged as 200 AAC shares for every 100 Rischarges, but if the merger does not become effective subscribers will be allotted ful paid ordinary shares in RSC. It will of necessity take some time to comply with the necessary formalities in regard to the rights offer and merger proposals and although the provisional financial results of AAC for the year ended 31st December 1976 a now available and are being published along with this announcement, it is considered now available and are being published along with this announcement, it is considered now available and are being published along with this announcement, and the rights offer all merger terms should be determined nearer the time of posting the documents containing the firm proposals. The issue price for the rights offer will be related to mark and of the resolution to the passing of the resolution to the passing of the resolution to the firm of the passing of the resolution to th 1st April, 1977, and the terms of the rights offer will be announced shortly before th's

date.

The documents relating to the merger and the necesstary increase in capital and help to the merger and the necesstary increase in capital and help to the registers of the AAC are expected to be posted on or about 31st March 1977 to members of RSC and the increase the case may be. These will contain full particulars of the final merginal relationship and the result of the state of the s

AAC as the case may be. These will contain full particulars of the case may be. These will contain full particulars of the case may be. These will contain full particulars of the convertible loss of the case may be. These will contain full particulars of the rights off on the conversion notices on and after the day the terms of the rights off of the case of the conversion notices on and after the day the terms of the rights off of the case of the conversions of the conversions will be adjusted in accordance with the formula in the conversions will be adjusted in accordance with the formula in the conversions of the rights offer.

It is proposed that in the event of the merger becoming effective bondholders we handlooders the conversions into AAC ordinary shares in place of RE

this connection will be published in the press on or about 30th March 1977. Johannesburg 21st February 1977 London Office: 40 Holborn Viadue

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Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Provisional Annual Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December, 1976

Notice of Dividend No 81 on the Ordinary Shares

PROVISIONAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1976

le following are the unaudited results of the Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31st December, ather with comparative figures for the year ended 31st December, 1975.

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orati	American on of South	INCOME STATEMENT	Anglo Ame	erican Group
	Limited 1976		Conso	lidated
. 75 0°s	R000's		1976 £000's	1975 R000's
347	43 577 24 281	Investment income	87 181	81 194
		Income from subsidiaries Interest (net), fees and other income less		
352	13 021 758	administration expenses	19 230 1 996	24 938 85
~_		Surplus on realisation of investments		
)41	81 637	Deduct:	108 407	106 217
712	8 891	Cost of prospecting	9 497	7 260
32	5.00	Loss on realisation of investments		5000
'13 \(\sigma\)	6 485 15 376	Provision against investments and loans	5 050 14 547	14 160
384 190	66 261 2 501	Profit before rexetion Deduct: Texation	93 860 4 647	92 057 4 350
194	63 760	Profit after taxation Deduct: Outside shareholders' interest	89 213 2 940	87 707 2 993
			PC 273	84 714
		Group profit, before extraordinary item	86 273	507
		Net gain (loss) arising from currency fluctuations Less: Transfer (to) from currency reserve	(33)	(507)
194	63 760	•	86 273	84 714
		Deduct : Dividends		
:86 31	288 10 534	Preference (6%) Ordinary Interim 8 cents	286 10 534	286 10.531
118	32 931	Final 25 cents	32 931	32 918
35	43 751		. 43 751	43 735
_		Retained profit before extraordinary item	42 522	40 979
i59	20 009	Less: Extraordinary item—provision against invest-		40 3/3
	20 000	ment in Zaire (note 2)	20 000	
-59	9	Retained profit after extraordinary item	22 522	40.979
62	421	Unappropriated profit from previous year	16 884	13 524
لي		Adjustment thereto arising from currency fluctuations	66	1 861
62	421		16.950	15 385
-21	430		39 472	56 364
90	_	Transfer to general reserve	23 479	39 483
70		Transfer to (from) non-distributable reserve	22	(3)
_			23 501	39 480
× <u>21</u>	430	Unappropriated profit 31st December, 1976	15 971	16 884
*			-	. .
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5	1976	BALANCE SHEET	1976	1975
78	R000's	Issued share capital	. R000's	R000's
67	13 172	Ordinary shares	13 172	13 167
59	4 759	Preferred stock	4 759	4 759
26	17 931		17 931	17 926
48	202	Share premium Non-distributable reserve	202	84 148
48	84 148 84 350	MOD-UPRIORESOIS LESSIAS	89 214	5 518 89 666
48	84 330	Less: Excess of written down cost of shares in sub-	05.440	93 600
	1 1	sidiary companies over book value of net assets at the dates of acquisition	8 380	6.304
	84 350	gares or sedmarron	81 036	8 381 81 285
:48 121	207 930	Distributable reserves	367 098	344 970
195	310 211		466 065	444 181
195 128	60 038	Loan capital	60 038	60 128
112	272 686	Outside shareholders' interest in subsidiary companies Loans from associated companies and others	63 876 287 050	63 564 399 250
100	21 833	Loans from subsidiary companies		
129	45 512	Creditors	54 088	63 474
764	710 280		931 117	1 030 597
100 129 164 126 327 459 541)	89 232	Shares in subsidiary companies		
327	160 100 112 612	Loans to subsidiary companies Listed investments	411 009	353 857
541)	(479 464)	(Market value)	(934 221)	(997 842)
390 498)	11 956 (39 530)	Unlisted (Directors' valuation)	114 674 (168 054)	164 968 (235 246)
	-	Property mineral rights and equipment	13 863 290 351	12 042 256 564
438 424	261 658 74 722	Loans to associated companies and others Debtors and cash	101 220	243 166
			931 117	1 030 597
064	710 280		334 117	2 440 337
		. 1976	197	5
:		cents	cent	
Oup eq	nity earnings per	share 65.3	64.:	
ividends	s per share	55.0	33.0 864.0	
At seent	value per share	784.0	604.0	

straordinary item—provision against investment in Zaire. As announced in the press on 23rd January 1976, the rectors of Societe Miniere de Tenke-Fungurume (S.M.T.F.) advised that work at the S.M.T.F. project has been rectors of Societe Miniere de Tenke-Fungurume (S.M.T.F.) advised that work at the S.M.T.F. project has been rectors of Societe Miniere de Tenke-Fungurume (S.M.T.F.) advised that work at the S.M.T.F. project has been respended. The decision to suspend was taken principally in the light of the disturbed political conditions in Central spended. These factors together with low copper price precluded frica, and the resulting economic situation in Zaire. These factors together with low copper price precluded frica, and the resulting arrangements. Your directors have therefore considered it prudent to make the completion of satisfactory financing arrangements. Your directors have therefore considered it prudent to make the completion of R20 million for part of the investment in S.M.T.F. as an extraordinary item in the income statement. M.T.F. is currently considering the technical feasibility and methods of financine a project smaller than the previous M.T.F. is currently considering the technical feasibility and methods of financine a project smaller than the previous M.T.F. is currently considering the technical feasibility and methods of financine a project smaller than the previous M.T.F. is currently considering the technical feasibility and methods of financine a project smaller than the previous M.T.F. is currently considering the technical feasibility and methods of financine a project smaller than the previous M.T.F. is currently considering the technical feasibility and methods of financine and method

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final dividend of 25 cents per share (1975: 25 cents) for the year ended 31st December 1976 has been declared le to shareholders registered in the books of the Corporation at the close of business on 11th March 1977, and to 15 presenting coupon No. 86 detached from share warrants to bearer. This dividend, together with the interim dividend 15 presenting coupon No. 86 detached from share warrants to bearer. This dividend, together with the interim dividend 1976, makes a total of 33 cents per share for the year (1975: 33 cents). A regarding payment of dividends to bearers will be published in the press by the London Secretary on or about 4th 1977.

he transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from 12th to 25th March 1977, both days inclusive, and not will be posted from the Johannesburg and the United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about 14th 1977. Registered shareholders paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on pril 1977 of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such shareholders may however elect to be in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the offices of the Corporation's transfer secretaries hannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 11th March 1977.

"he effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 13.4142 per cent.

Actualing excess of cost of shares in subsidiary companies ter book value of net assets at the dates of acquisition).

he dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the Corporation lso at the offices of the Corporation's transfer secretaries Consolidated Share Registrars Limited, 62 Marshall Street, limited, 62 Marshall Street, limited, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8EQ.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Hazlewoods reverse way out of a 'pickle'

In what is effectively a reverse takeover, bringing to-gether a sauce, pickle and beet-root grouping, Hazlewoods (Proprietary), a public company, has agreed terms with the privately owned Ossett and Humber companies.

Hazlewoods, the Derby-based pickles and sauces firm which called a halt to Stock Exchange dealings last year, is issuing a big block of new shares to the private companies and giving them control of the combined

The Ossetr companies, which take in J. Lowe (Processed Foods) and the Beetroot Co (Yorkshire), claims to be one of the largest processors of beetroot in Western Europe, while Humber produces a wide range of pickles.

The directors of Hazlewoods strongly recommend their own shareholders to support the link-up. Hazlewoods, which turned in a loss of more than f200,000 for 1975-76, said that without loans totalling about £100,000 already made available by Ossett and Humber, it "was unlikely that the company could continue to trade." continue to trade ".

For the year to end-March, combined profits are forecast of at least £375,000. Hazlewoods is now issuing

2.9m ordinary shares, of which 943,000 are to be placed by Laurence, Prust, and 726,000 deferred shares. The estimated placing price is 30p.

Briefly

FIRST TALISMAN
Listing of First Talisman Investment ordinary and warrants to subscribe for ord temporarily suspended at First Talisman's request, pending reorganization particulars.
EMPEROR MONES
Listing of Functor Mines Listing of Emperor Mines tem-porarily suspended, pending lifting of suspension by Australian Ex-

LATHAM-YORKSHIRE Arbuthnor Latham Holdings has reduced its bolding in Yorkshire and Lancashire Investment Trust by 10,000 sbares to 981,615 shares (24.54 per cent). JARDINE SECURITIES

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JARDINE SECURITIES

In half-year to December 31, net profix, after tax and minorities, jumped by 50 per cent to \$15.5m (HK). Interim payment raised from 8.2 cents (adjusted) to 15 cents to reduce disparity. Beard expects final of "at least" 27 cents, making 42 cents, compared with 31.8 cents (adjusted).

TELEF(ISION

Telefusion, the Blackpool-based television rental and retail group, has bought television rental accounts valued at 21m Belgian francs (about £334,000) from Teletent SA, Belgium. The accounts are all in the Brussels area.

ENGLISH & SCOTS INV

Net revenue for year to January 31, £588,000 (£444,000). Earnings a share are 2.79p (2.43p), and net asset value a share 81p (same). Dividend is \$38p (2.87p); scrip issue of 2.62 new "B" shares for every 100 "B" shares held is proposed.

HHEST & MALLINSON

Chairman says in annual statement that he is reasonably opti-

Chairman says in annual statement that he is reasonably optimistic. Results for 1977 will be "much better" than the £175,000 (against £560,000) made in 1976. HIGGS & HILL
Board has acquired from receiver of Ernest Ireland, the pipework business with assets of about 5700,000.

f300,000. DRAYTON FAR EASTERN Revenue (after tax) of D Revenue (after tax) of Drayton Far Eastern Trust rose from

f109,000 to f118,000. Gross dividend up from 1.15p to 1.23p.

APEX PROPERTIES
Rents receivable for half-year to Sept 30, f405,000 (£412,000). Pretax profit, £205,000 (£190,000). Gross interim 1.84p again.

EMPIRE FLANTATIONS
Empire Plantations and Investments pref dividend for year to March 31, 1975, will be paid on March 31 next. Board expects ordinary dividend for 1974-75 in the "foreseeable future".

NEWMAN-AGAR CROSS
Offers by Newman Industries for

the "foreseeable future ".

NEWMAN-AGAR CROSS

Offers by Newman Industries for Agar Cross—already unconditional —closed. Shares not held by Newman will be acquired compulsorily. ERNEST IRELAND

Following their apointment as receivers of the Ernest Ireland Group at the end of January, Mr T. R. Thom and Mr A. M. Homan, of Price Waterhouse and Co have completed the sale of the business and goodwill of the three main contracting subsidiaries on a going concern basis.

OLIVER RIX

Chairman told annual meeting that current trading is "satisfactory". Company well on the way to a trading profit this year, asuming enough cars.

HERON CORPORATION

Scrip issue of nine ordinary shares and nine deferred shares for each ord and each deferred share, now held. Heron's ord and def privately held.

NEW YORK & SANTMORE

for each ord and each deferred share, sow held. Heron's ord and def privately held.

NEW YORK & SANTMONE
Gross income of New York and Garmore Investment Trust for 1976 declined from £218,000 to £196,000. Net loss, £11,000 against a profix of £42,000, after all charges. Total gross payment held at 0.45p.

10411 MICHAEL
Chairman of John Michael

Chairman of John, Michael (Savile Row) says company faces future with "modest optimism" and current year should bring a turnround in group's affairs. As known, the board does not expect any loss for the year to January 29, 1977.

ST ANDREW TRUST
Geors revenue for 1976 pm from

Gross revenue for 1976 up from £803,000 to £846,000. Total gross payment raised from 5.07p to 5.62p. Net asset value of ordinary shares at year-end, 1314p 1224p a year earlier)

Board reports that as group enters 1977 with most of its pro-ductive facilities back in opera-ductive facilities back in operaopportunity to earn a better return on assets.

ALCAN ALUMINIUM

months. Pre-tax profits: R18.44m (R11.79m). Total payment for 18 months, 25.5 cents (20 cents). Remnies changed its year-end to align itself with its Hongkong-based parent, Jardine Matheson. MEPC'S FRANKFURT LETTING EBW, owned 65 per cent by MEPC and 35 per cent by Fraser Securities, has let 9,000 sq metres in office development at Frankfurt, to AEG Tellefunken. Development now 38 per cent let.

furt, to AEG Telefunken. Deve-lopment now 38 per cent let. HAW PAR
Haw Par Brothers said in Singa-pore that Atlantic Assets had notified HP that it has sold its entire remaining 4.92 per cent sake in company.—Reuter. ACE MACHINERY (HOLDINGS) Provided the group's contracts for the Regional Water Authori-ties are not cancelled or deferred,

Management figures for the first quarter of the current year of Tace Ltd confirm the upward trend of profits and the board expects that the improved rate of profitability achieved in the second half of last year should be maintained in the current year.

HAITISH ELECTRIC TIACHON United Transport, a subsidiary of BET, has bought business and assets of West German group Schmidtz Ludwig and Osborn International Corporation companies from Sherwin-Williams of Cleveland, Ohio.

SINGLO HOLDINGS

SINGLO HOLDINGS Dividend on 4.55 per cent preference shares on ordinary relating to year to March 31, 1975, will be paid on March 31 next.

the reality

We in BOC - and others like us in industry - are being criticised more strongly every day. Our detractors would have you believe that industry is all conflict; that we are vulgar and lack ideals; that we are manipulators of money and people; and, of course, 7.1 that our workers are lazy, our managers. inefficient and our directors concerned only with their own pockets.

The reality is very different. Last year we were able to provide 40,000 jobs around the world. We invested nearly £50 million in new plant and equipment, We put aside £40 million to pay. Governments as tax. And we contributed £20 million to pension and welfare. schemes. That was our contribution to the schools, hospitals, houses, roads and the decent standard of life which everybody is seeking.

We know we could do better. We know we make mistakes. We know it is not easy to bring together the interlocking interests of our customers, our employees and our capital providers. But as 40,000 free and individual men and women we try. And as free people, encouraged by a free society, we shall go on trying - unless our critics win.

BOC did well in 1976. How well you can see from the BOC International Report and Accounts for 1976. To obtain a copy, please fill in and send the coupon,

With over 100 companies in 43 countries, the BOC Group's activities include industrial gases; medical gases and equipment; welding and cutting equipment; vacuum and cryogenic plant and equipment; chemicals and metals; computer and off-shore services.

The 91st Annual Meeting of BOC International Ltd., will be held at the Confederation of British Industry, Council Chamber, 21 Tothill Street, London S.W.1. on Wednesday 23 March 1977 at 11.30 a.m.

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the northern group.

Brown, Muff | Stock markets not yet accepting Fraser bid

Friendly talks do not always lead to an agreed merger. Even so, shareholders in Brown, Muff will not complain.

Yesterday the directors headed by Mr Michael Maufe went into a huddle and called in merchant bank Hambros after getting a cash bid of 160p a share from House of Fraser which already owns 27.4 per

cent of the equity.
It is also offering 55p cash for every 6 per cent preference

The £1.28m value imputed to the ordinary shares sent Muff leaping 75p to 155p. But they were as high as 226p in 1973. Possibly with this in mind, the directors, none of whom are Fraser men are not rushing into their suitor's arms. With Hambro's help, they hope to reply formally to the Fraser bid

in two days or so. Brown, Muff, with four department stores in Bradford, Skipton and Dowcaster, and another due to open in Altrin-cham, recently fell on hard

The shares reached their peak when pre-tax profits went above £200,000 a year. But they plunged to £152,000 in 1974-75, and stumbled again to only £44,000 the year after. In the 26 weeks to July 31 last the group slid into losses of £58,000.

Arbuthoot Latham is advising Fraser which still thinks that the Muff board "will be

Dealers lower prices but find no sellers

off at 355p.

certainty and last week's disbrought a nervous performance Dowty's terms, promised for from equiries which lost today, Ultra Electronic were at ground for the first time in a a firm 148p, 4p higher than the week.

The prospect of a complete shurdown at British Leyland and a possible Cabiner reshuffle following the death of Mr Crosland brought an initial mark-down of prices from which they did not recover. There was no weight of selling, but by the close the FT Index was four points lower at 389.0, just above the worst of the day.

The same factors put gilt-edged stocks lower and they were not helped by murmurings that interest rates could soon start to rise again, at least for a while. Short dates ended unchanged, or one-eighth lower,

At 43p yesterday, shares in W. Canning, a substantial supplier to electroplaters, have been active on bid talk, the thought being that an overseas offer could emerge. Two years ago Norvic's bid for Canning foundered against board and Monopolies opposition.

while " mediums " and " longs " lost up to a quarter of a point. Though hardly tested, some of the "blue chips" gave up to 6p. Lower by that amount was Beecham at 392p, while was Beecham at 392p, while Glaxo lost 5p to 440p, Unilever 4p to 430p, ICI 4p to 335p,

Awaiting a response equivalent cash price, while British Car Auction eased to 30p after the formal rejection from Nationwide Leisure. Provident Financial ended a point better at 80p, after 77p, follow-ing results and the lapsing of the offer for Cartle's Holdings.

In motors, British Leyland suffered an early 3p reverse on its problems, but managed to revert to an unchanged 23p.
But Lucas Industries slipped a
penny to 225p in sympathy.
In electricals, GEC slumped 5p to 180p on the union opposition to its capital reorganization plans and Racal were easier at 286p awaiting further

Milgo developments.

Over on the building pitch,
Marchwiel was hit by profittaking at first after bullish profits. But the shares later recovered to end the day 6p to the good at 142p, with figures this week, gaining 4p to 34p. AP Cement slipped 4p to 176p.

In engineers, Stothert & Pitt shot up 8p to 116p in a thin market, Vosper put on 3p to 85p ahead of figures and TF & JH

COPPER: Wire bars gained 84 for both cash and three months.— After noon.—Cash wire bars, \$283-35, 50 nmetric ton: three months, \$283-35, 50 nmetric ton: three months, \$284.50 nmetric ton: three months, \$284.50 nmetric ton: three months, \$284.50 nmetric ton: Morning.—Cash wire sers, \$283.50-25, 50; three months, \$283.50-25, 50; three months, \$283.50-25, 50; three months, \$284.50 nmetric three months, \$285.50-55, 00. Settlement, \$282.50 nmetric three months, \$285.50-55, 00. Settlement, \$284.585, 50-55, 00. Settlement, \$284.585, 50-55, 00. Settlement, \$284.581, 50-62, 00 nmetric three months, \$285.50, 50. Settlement, \$284.581, 50-62, 00 nmetric three months, \$285.50, 50. Settlement, \$284.581, 50-62, 00 nmetric three months, \$285.50, 50. Settlement, \$284.581, 50. Se

taking. Typical were Associated Newspapers which lost 5p to 16p and IC Gas which ended 3p

Dunlop has crept up 5p to 89p in a week on thoughts that it is doing somewhat better than many expect. Buttressed by a profitable demand, Dunlon is said by some to have made up to £73m last year against widespread guesses of £70m or so and 1975's £52m. But the group normally reports in May and something may still depend on figures coming in from some territories abroad. Rights issue fears seem unfounded.

from gold shares on the higher metal price. Among the best were Vaal Reefs 75p to £100, Western Holdings 50p to £12.75. Western Holdings 50p to £12.75.
President Erand 37p to £8.75.
Hartebeest 37p £8.75 and St
Helena 25p to £10.25.
In tins, Geevor rose 5p to
360p and Gopeng 3p to 235p,
while elsewhere in the mining
sector, Mineral Resources, at
175p lost 3p of an earlier 8p
gain.

After alst week's base-rate Braime closed 7p ahead at 35p on final figures and a planned scrip.

In oils, Ultramar defied the general downward trend with a gain of 4p to 152p, while British Borneo added 2p to 142p after

After alst week's base-rate cuts, there were drops of 5p from Midland 258p, Barclays 243p ahead of results and National Westminster 218p, while Lloyds ended 8p lower at 200p. The strength of the dollar premium left ANZ Group

Courtaulds 2p to 101p and the rejection of the Gold Fields
Fisons 2p to 303p.

Awaiting a response to pitch, Shell slumped 8p to 498p

The rejection of the Gold Fields

So to the good at 280p while 4p off to 214p, Land Securities

HK & Shanghai added 6p to down 3p to 160p, MEPC lower of the pitch, Shell slumped 8p to 498p ahead of figures. Among insurance composites figures, down 9p to 125p.

Further reflection on last week's figures did little for Wedgwood, off 3p to 182p, while both Footwear Industries 45p and Waterford Glass 37p rose a couple of pages on figures. weak spots were to be found in Sun Alliance down 5p to 397p, Royal 4p to 302p and Guardian Royal Exchange 3p to 185p. Bur brokers Watthews Wrightson 208p, Sedgwick Forbes 2559 and a couple of pence on figures. Newman Industries, though, were at an unchanged 50p. A. Howden 141p were all firm. Shipping shares were better than average with Hunting Gibson up 3p to 154p, Furness

Withy firmer 2p to 232p and P & O edging ahead to 131p. In stores, House of Frager

slipped a penny to 75p after news of a bid for Brown Muff,

Lotest dividends

Patest gividends								
fouler ran bus	Ord div	Year 290	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year			
Anglo Amen Cerp	25 †	25†	14, 4	33÷	33†			
Apax Properties (139) Int	25† 1.2	1.2	4,4	_`	2.69			
Earles Daynes (ICp) Fig	2.0	1.72	<u> </u>	3.0	2.72			
r. F. & I. H. Braine								
(25p) Fin	2.31	2.28	-	3.57	3.24			
Prayton Far Esta (259) Fin	0.61	0.56	1.4	8.0	0.75			
anglish & Scotts (25p)	_		-					
Sec Int	1.6	0.25*	_	2.2	1.87*			
octwear Inds (10p) Im	1.27	1.15	13/5	_	3.57			
lestique (Sp) Int	0.24	0.22	_	_	0.53 2.7			
	2.13	1.95	_	3.05	2.77			
Cinerals & Resources	47	NI	_	44	NII			
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Provident rally may make Cattle's holders more receptive

By Ray Maughan in an annual 11 per cent turn-over gain to £151.7m to sug-Financial Group for Cattle's (Holdings) has lapsed following the reference o the Mono-

polies Commission.
The commission is expected to reach a decision within the next five months but well before that the Provident board headed by Mr Richard Daven-port will make up its mind whether to bid again given a favourable Monopolies outcom

Provident has already taken an execptoian l loss of £936,000 an exceptional loss of £963,000 on its existing 25.7 per cent stake in Cattle's by writing it down from the end-December 1975 valuation to the offer price of 32p per share.
At the pre-tax level, however,

the check trading group has advanced quickly on the eroad to recovery. There is nothing

Imps still grow

thanks to food

Consider a known cash bid.

BCA plans to issue two mil-

BCA plans to issue two million of its shares for Nationwide and the board suggests that shareholders ask their professional adviser what would happen to the price of BCA shares if half this number was offered for sale in the market at once.

Mr J. M. Hutchings, Nationwide's chairman, says that profits in the year to October 31

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A dismal fate seems only to

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Gainness and get better terms.

Jentique (Holdings)

Overshadowing

£7.3m stems from a shorter avareage loan term and smaller

The average loan has fallen from £150 to what the board describes as a "realistic level" of £120. Similarly, the average term has been halved to one

The impact on Provident's debt burden has been sharp. Interest payable fell from £9.8m to £7.1m and all but £200,000 of the cut was the result of lower avareage interest rates.

An improvement in the bad debt experience was also a helpful factor with a decline in the level of slow payers accelerating towards the end

But if Provident is now in better shape and consequently more attractive to Cattle's shareholders (given clearance for a new bid), a swift profit recovery to the peak of £8.5m pre-tax in 1973 will rely heavily on volume growth now that Provident is offering what it regards as the optimum loan.

The target this year is a turnover gain at least in line with the rise in the Retail Price Index. In 1976, amounts due customers fell from £131.4m to £119.2m.

A final dividend of 4.49 lifts the total from 6.102p to 6.71p gross per share.

Up 2p yesterday to 80p, the shares are trading at almost eight times fully raxed earn-ings, excluding the loss of the Cattle's stake, and the yield is

Waterford jumps 43pc

Satisfactory trading in all against £1.36m last year. The actions of the group has con1975 charge was exceptionally ributed to the latest record low as it was the first year of sections of the group has con-tributed to the latest record Imperial Group's current year trading is results from Waterford Glass, the Irish holding company which includes the famous the continuing flatness and fierce struggle for market share in tobacco and the potential crystal glass producer. Pre-tax profits for 1976 have jumped 43 per cent to £6.7m. Turnover rose from £59.9m to £79.6m to impact of the beer price reference on Courage. The brewer volume sales and last year's industrial problems. give an increase in margina from 7.9 per cent to 8.5 per Even so Mr John Pile, chair-man, is looking for further cent

man, is looking for further growth this year, chiefly from man, Seuator P. W. McGrath, The group is still spending there will be continued growth in group activities in all the Reading brewery. But this divisions

Tax takes £2.34m this time

stock tax relief, and there was a big credit on deferred tax. Net profits are £4.4m against £3.36m. Earnings a share come out at 4.24p against 3.39p while the dividend is holsted from

0.9p to 1.26p.

After a 42 per cent rise in pre-tax profits at half time to £2.65m, the board said that it was satisfied with the trading performance for the period and hoped that it would achieve its budgeted profits for the full year. Over the second half, pretax profits rose 43 per cent to

Nationwide puts case against BCA

that orders on hand were higher but rising costs made it hard to forecast

Footwear Invest

£452,000.

fits in the year to October 31 fumped 50 per cent to a record £200,000. Net assets were professionally valued at over £1.27m—equal to 20p a share. A trebled dividend of 0.75p is declared subsidiary in South Wales, led declared.

Mr Hutchings says that his rroup is nearing the point where it could apply for a renewal of its share quote. the way. Strong liquidity at a time of high interest rates was also useful.

harden the resolve of Mr Richard Beney, chairman of White Child and Beney who has already seen Guinness go reconsticual with its 65p a share bid with more than half the equity.
Yesterszy Mr Roy Hattersley, Socretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, refused to refer the merger to sented the decline in the value of sterling. Most of the increase in the overall size of the balance sheet from £181m to the Menopolics Commission. Unbowed, Mr Beney pleads with minerity shareholders not to he stampeded into accepting the Grinness bid. He will write

to them in a formight with the The medium term loan portfolio was little changed in size, but UIB increased its activity in the short term loan field. As a result the return on the loan competed directly with Guinness in several lices, and that it will eventrally pay a substantial relativity to hold out against portfolio improved, but the bulk of the earnings increase came

Cn a turnover up from £4.15m to £4.49m, the pre-tax profits of clock and furniture maker Jentioue (Holdings) stew from £312,000 to £366,000 in the half-year to Dec 31. The pre-tax profits 36 per cent to with £5.66m, after interest of gross interim payment duly a record £230,000. Turnover rose £1.41m against £1.7m.

Reaffirming its advice to reject the 10p a share British Car Auction bid, Nationwide Leisure argues that the price is "ridiculously low". The formal rejection says that Nationwide's net essets are 20p a share, and that shareholders should only consider a known cash bid.

in fine form Although the sales of Foot-

Although the sales of Foot-wear Industry Investments (ex-cluding FII's associate) only edged forward by 2.95 per cent to £4.46m in the half-year to November 30, pre-tax profits went up by 26 per cent to £452 000.

Both the distributing and manufacturing divisions did better and NS Footwear, the

Mr M. Sumray, chairmen, says that the year's figures should be "satisfactory"—If demand holds up. The interim payment rises from 1.77p gross to 1.950.

United Intn Bank

With all areas of its activity improving profitability, United International Bank, the London based consortium bank, recorded a 42½ per cent increase in earnings to £803,000 last year. Before tax, profits were up by 41 per cent to £1.7m but about 15 per cent of this repre-£216m also represented exchange rate fluctuations.

from a 40 per cent upturn in corporate finance fee income. UIB is now expanding into the investment management field.

15 per cept to £1.33m. Earnings a share of this hacksaw blade maker were 16.28p against 11.22p. The dividend rises from 4.18p gross to 4.62p. At half time the board said

Minorco writes down investment in Trend

The effect on Trend Exploration of the enforced alteration of the production sharing con-tracts in Indonesia has been more costly than orginally feared. Minerals and Resources Cor-

poration, which has 43 per cent of Trend, has announced that as a result of the new agreement it is to write down its investment in Trend by US\$26m from US\$47.6m. Originally it had been thought that the write down would be about

Utd Scientific set to scale £2m peak

Topping film for the first time last year, United Scientific Holdings now forecasts pre-tax profit "clearly exceeding" £2m for the year to end September, 1977. Two years ago profits were only £470,000 and for 1075.75 for 1975-76 some £1.89m against £871,000.

Mr J. D. Robertson, chairman of this supplier of optical, scientific and electronic equipment, says that the company's activities have now reached a level towards which the directors have been aiming for some years. All the sectors are now well established in their specialist areas.

Utd Glass turnover reaches £100m

Record results and turnover were set up by United Glass, jointly owned by The Distillers Company and Owens-Illinois, Inc. of the United States.

Chas Baynes at peak
A jump of 97 per cent to £138,000 in second-half profits at Charles Baynes hoisted 1976 were a record £6.56m, compared to the first at the fi

Commodities COCOAI Persoure was still on Traphy March, which advanced by £57.76. May was £9.50 ccwn on Fritary Close.—March, £224.50-27.00 regmetric ton: May, £2.258-59: July, £2.258-51; July, £2.258-52; J SS2.5.0-53.00. Settlement, \$22.4.
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Foreign Exchange

Persistent strength of the Dutch guilder on the foreign exchanges took it over its upper intervention point in the European joint float against the Swedish crown yester-day, but the thinness of the market probably ruled out the need for much central bank interven-

E407.50. Sales, 2,175 tens.
ZING was quiet.—Aftermoon.—Cash,
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months, C431.50-20.00. Sales, 1,120
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The guider traded up to 169.40
Swedish crowns per 100, compared
with an upper intervention point of 169.385. Dealers said the Dutch central bank may have bought some dollars during the afternoon Trading in general was quiet with holidays closing the United States and some West German

Sterling advanced modestly in the afternoon, trading up to \$1.7060, before closing with a net rise of 10 points, at \$1.7055. The pound's effective rate widened by 0.1 to 43.5 per cent.

Gold rose \$1.00 an ounce, to close at \$137.625.

Spot Position of Sterling



Final balances were usually to be found within a band of 103-113 per cent. All the underlying factors 0 nihe day were fairly

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Equity turnover on February 18 was £50.17m (13,344 bargains).

Active stocks vesterday, accord ing to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BAT Dfd, BAT Ind, National Westminster, ICI, Ultra Electronic, BP, GKN, Imperial Group, UDT, Ultramar, Commercial Union, P & O, Grand Metropolitan, Marks & Property shares were Grand Metropolitan, Marks & unsettled by interest rate considerations with Great Portland British Vita and Stothart & Pitt.

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UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper up 2,000 to 620,700; that up 290 to 5.030; lead down 375 to 68.375; zinc down 1.000 to 77,375; silver down 170,000 to 26,790,000 troy

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Credit conditions became that little bit easier again yesterday, atthough the Bank of England was still eventually required to assist the market on a moderate scale. The authoristies made moderate purchases of Treasury, corporation and bank bills directly from the bouses and, for purely technical reasons, also lent a small sum overnight to one or two houses at MLR of 12; per cent.

Houses took a reasonable amount of money down at 113 per cent fairly early on, but conditions later became rather patchy and it was not until late in the day that funds began to show again in any sort of volume.

modest in size. Against the market were run-down balances carried across the weekend from Friday, a not take-up of Treasury and commercial bills, and settlement for the sale of gilts made by the Government Broker, on Friday.

Pulling the other way, government disbursements were in excess of revenue transfers to the Exchequer. There were some quite keen buyers for Treasury bills following the Bank's move down in line with the bill rate Friday. "Hots" were trading at 10 15/16-13/16 per cent, the same as on Friday evening.

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GORPORATION OF LONDO 134 per cent STOCK, 198

ISSUE OF £25,800,000 AT £98.50 PER CE: 15

On application

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

On Tuesday, 22nd March 1977 £40.00 per cen' On Tuesday, 19th July 1977 £43.50 per cent. interest payable half-yearly on 15th May and

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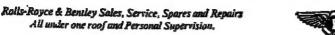
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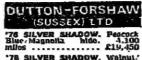
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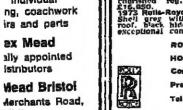
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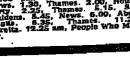
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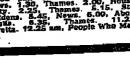
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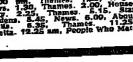
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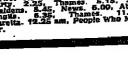
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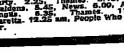


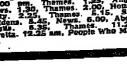








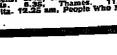




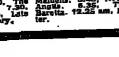






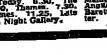






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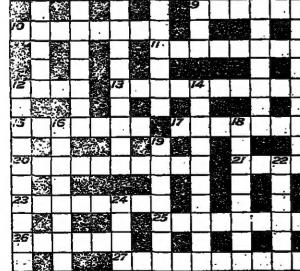
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